

1212 Avenue M Huntsville, Texas 77340 Administration: 936.291.5400 Finance: 936.291.5442

Fax: 936.291.5489 www.huntsvilletx.gov

October 1, 2006

Mayor and Council City of Huntsville 1212 Avenue M Huntsville, Texas 77340

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council:

We are pleased to present the Official Annual Budget for the City of Huntsville for the fiscal year 2006-2007. This document contains spending plans and revenue estimates as adopted by the City Council on September 5, 2006. The total fiscal year 2006-2007 operating and capital budget excluding transfers is \$53,378,816. This budget is supported by a tax rate of 41.92 cents per one-hundred dollars of assessed valuation, a three percent decrease from the prior year tax rate. The City of Huntsville's utility rates remain the same as prior year rates.

# Getting Back to the Basics in Huntsville

This year's budget continues our ongoing effort to bring the City of Huntsville's focus back to the basics of providing excellent essential services to our citizens. Over the years we have allowed these essential basic services to suffer as non-basic services grew. In an effort to provide adequate funding for our essential services, the fiscal year 06-07 budget contains the elimination of several non-basic divisions as a part of a structural reorganization that will streamline and strengthen the City of Huntsville's management team and allow our top priority to be placed on the provision of excellent, cost effective services.

# Streamlining and Strengthening Our Organization

Several major organizational changes are included in the fiscal year 06-07 adopted budget that will allow the City of Huntsville to streamline and control costs, improve efficiencies, maximize customer service, and improve our delivery of essential services. The details of the reorganization, summarized by department, are outlined below.

# **Community Services Department**

This newly created department combines two former departments: Parks & Recreation and Administration. The Community Services Department is made up of several existing divisions including Recreation, Parks Maintenance, Aquatic Center Operations, Library Services, Cultural Services, Main Street, and Arts Center Operations. The Urban Forestry division, previously a part of the Parks & Recreation Department, has been eliminated and the Building Maintenance division has been transferred to the Administrative Services Department. The Community Services Department is under the management of the Community Services Director. The current Parks & Recreation Director position has been eliminated and a new position, Parks Operations/Contract Administrator created in its place. The Recreation Superintendent and the Urban Forester positions have been eliminated. The Community Development Coordinator position has been moved from the Public Services division to close out existing grants.

Reorganization of the departments of Parks & Recreation and Administration is an important part of bringing the focus of the organization back to the basics. The Community Services Director has been tasked with the assessment of the entire department and its service delivery in accordance with the goals set forth in the City of Huntsville 2006 Strategic Plan. During the year she will work with the Parks Board and the City Council to audit and completely review the functions of the department and bring the indicated changes forward for appropriate action.

### **Public Utilities and Public Works Department**

The former Public Services Department has been split into two separate departments: Public Utilities and Public Works. The Public Utilities Department is made up of the divisions in Water Services, Wastewater Services, and Solid Waste Services. The Public Services Operation Superintendent position has been eliminated and recreated as the Public Utilities Director. The Public Works Department is made up of the divisions in Planning and Development, Street Services, and the Service Center front desk staff. The City Engineer position has been recreated as Public Works Director/City Engineer. The reorganization of the Public Services Department also eliminated the Public Services Director position. The previous occupant of this position has been reassigned to the Office of the City Manager to focus on special projects. The Fleet & Warehouse Administration division and the Garage Operations division have been transferred to the Administrative Services Department. The Office of Community Development division, previously a part of the Public Services Department, has been eliminated and the Community Development Coordinator position moved to Community Services Department to close out existing grants.

### **Charter Offices**

As part of the reorganization, the Office of the City Manager has undergone staffing changes. The Assistant to the City Manager position has been eliminated and the position of Special Projects Director has been added. The Special Projects Director will be charged with special assignments on behalf of the City Manager.

### **Administrative Services Department**

As mentioned above, the Building Services division, Fleet & Warehouse Administration division, and Garage Operations division have been reassigned to the Administrative Services Department. Because these divisions perform internal service functions they are best managed by an internal services specialist.

# Establishing Our Goals and Measuring Our Effectiveness

The City of Huntsville's leadership is intensely committed to our community and exercises great diligence in planning for the future of Huntsville. Through their strategic planning process, the City Council's vision for the long-term future of Huntsville is determined and the goals that will lead to the fulfillment of that vision are established. The City of Huntsville's process of planning and goal setting begins with the citizens. The City periodically conducts a citizen's survey to allow the Council to focus on our citizen's priorities and interests. Equipped with the results of the citizen survey, the City Council and senior staff engage in strategic planning sessions in order to plan for the future of Huntsville. The plans and goals that result from these sessions guide the entire organization not only in decisions pertaining to special projects and programs, but also in daily operations. Each department of the City seeks to fulfill the City Council's strategic plan and long-term vision for the future of our community through every service they perform. Each City department has outlined their major function and purpose and has aligned themselves with the Council goals over which they have especially significant and vital influence. In order to succeed in the fulfillment of these goals, department staff has identified intermediate operational objectives for the coming year. Department staff has also identified key measures to determine the effectiveness of their services in achieving their purposes, goals, and objectives. When coupled with prior year accomplishments, these objectives and measures help us mark our progress toward the achievement of the City Council's vision for the future of our City.

Our community is currently in the process of developing the Huntsville Horizon Plan, a comprehensive plan for the City of Huntsville. The comprehensive planning process allows citizens a forum to express their vision for the future of Huntsville. This plan will provide vital data and direction to City Council and staff for managing growth and help to bind together various previously conducted studies that will be incorporated as part of the Huntsville Horizons Comprehensive Plan. Once complete, the plan will play a significant role in the development of goals and will guide the Council's yearly strategic planning process. Additional information about our goals and measures of effectiveness can be found beginning on page 1-50 of this document.

# Budget Highlights

The cost savings realized as a result of the organizational changes have allowed us to add and enhance programs and efforts that respond directly to the citizens of Huntsville's interest as expressed through the Citizen's Survey and the 2006 Strategic Plan. Highlights of program and project additions and enhancements included in the fiscal year 06-07 budget are detailed below.

### **Providing a Safe Community**

In Huntsville's 2005 Citizen Survey, 75% of respondents indicated that providing additional funding for the services of the Police and Fire Departments is important. The fiscal year 06-07 budget includes funding for additional Public Safety personnel and equipment. An additional Police Lieutenant position is included in the budget as well as additional firefighter positions with possible grant funding. Two replacement patrol cars for the police department and a modular building to house volunteer firefighters and emergency workers at Fire Station 2 are also included in this year's budget. Additional information about the Public Safety Department can be found beginning on page 2-116 of this document.

## **Enhancing Our Quality of Life**

In Huntsville's 2005 Citizen Survey, 65% of respondents indicated that providing additional funding for maintenance of our parks is important and 69% of respondents indicated that providing additional funding for recreation programs is important. The fiscal year 06-07 budget includes funding for additional Parks Maintenance personnel and maintenance equipment and additional funding for youth and recreation programs. Two additional Parks Crewman positions and parks maintenance equipment are included in this year's budget. A SandPro ball field dragging machine, a diesel riding mower, and a replacement truck for a maintenance crew are also included. An increased parks maintenance budget and an increased youth and recreation program budget is also a part of the fiscal year 06-07 budget. Additional information about the Community Services Department can be found beginning on page 2-93 of this document.

### **Providing High Quality Public Utilities**

In Huntsville's 2005 Citizen Survey, over 60% of respondents indicated that providing additional funding for our public utilities is important. The fiscal year 06-07 budget includes funding for equipment and additional capital improvement projects to enhance and maintain the quality of our public utilities and infrastructure. A replacement boring machine for Water Services and a utility vehicle for Wastewater Services are included in this year's operating budget. Also included are two portable flow meters to assist Wastewater Services personnel in isolating and correcting inflow and infiltration problems in our wastewater collection system. \$2,660,600 in additional capital improvement projects are included in the fiscal year 06-07 capital budget and \$2,150,155 of these are water and wastewater public utility related projects. The table on the following page shows the budget and funding sources for each fiscal year 06-07 project addition. Additional information about the Public Utilities Department and its operating budget can be found beginning on page 2-48 of this document. Additional information about the capital improvements budget and detailed descriptions of each project can be found beginning on page 5-1 of this document.

### City of Huntsville F7 06-07 Capital Budget Additions

The second second	1.8	Total	\$2,660,600
Moffitt Springs/IH45 North (Phase II)	250,000	Bearkat Drainage	100,000
Water Plant Generator	55,000	14 <sup>th</sup> Street Headwall	45,000
Repainting of 1 MG Ground Tank	205,105	13 <sup>th</sup> Street Headwall	60,000
Repainting of 2 MG Hydropillar	415,050	Old Colony Road III	200,000
Sidewalk Capital Fund	40,000	Highway 30 East Wastewater	44,000
Land Purchase Capital Fund	13,000	Graham Road/HWY 75 South	70,000
Service Center Yard Repaving	70,000	FM 247 Wastewater	36,000
Comprehensive Plan Implementation	30,000	Lift Station Generators	365,000
Fiber Loop Project- North	128,445	16 <sup>th</sup> Street/Sycamore Sewer Rehab	60,000
Pineview Park Parking Lot	10,000	IH45/Elkins Lake	300,000
Kate Barr Ross Concrete Work	14,000	11th Street/MLK Avenue	150,000

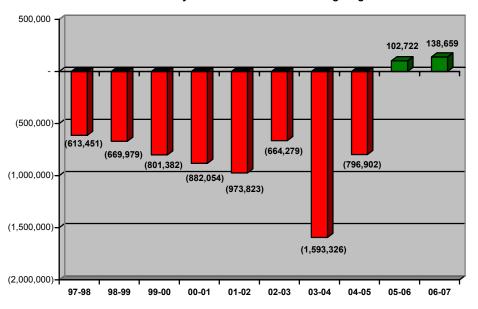
### **Maintaining a Qualified Workforce**

It is important that the City has a high quality, dedicated, effective, and productive workforce focused on providing excellent services to the citizens of Huntsville. In the prior budget year a step and grade pay plan system was implemented in an effort to equalize compensation among positions that require comparable skills and responsibility. This step and grade pay plan replaced a market based plan that in previous years had been inadequately funded and only partially implemented. The fiscal year 06-07 budget contains continued funding for the newly implemented step and grade pay plan system as well as a 2% cost of living adjustment (COLA) to ensure the fair and adequate compensation of all city employees. Also included in this year's budget are multiple training opportunities for City employees designed to enhance their skills, knowledge, and overall ability to provide an exceptional level and quality of service to the citizens and customers of Huntsville. Additional information about the City of Huntsville's organizational structure and staffing can be found beginning on page 6-1 of this document.

### **Eliminating Deficit Budgeting**

In previous years, the City of Huntsville practiced deficit budgeting in the General Fund. Budgeting a deficit creates expectations that are unlikely to be met because it means that some programs and projects that are set forth in the budget cannot be performed because adequate funding does not exist. Because a municipality may not engage in deficit spending, Huntsville relied on employee turnover, conservative revenue forecasting, unspent appropriations, and delayed programs and projects in order to subsidize the growing General Fund budgeted deficit. In fiscal year 03-04, the deficit ballooned to almost \$1.6 million as a result of a tax rate reduction and budget additions including the golf course and increasing health insurance costs. In fiscal year 04-05, under the leadership of a new City Council and management team, the budgeted deficit was reduced to \$800,000. In fiscal year 05-06, with the start of the back to the basics initiative, the General Fund budgeted deficit was eliminated. Fiscal year 05-06 General Fund budget reflected a surplus of \$102,722. The fiscal year 06-07 adopted budget continues the back to the basics effort began last year. For the second consecutive year the General Fund maintains a positive revenue-to-expenditure relationship with a budgeted surplus of \$138,659. The graph on the following page shows the history of the General Fund budgeted deficit. Additional information about the General Fund budget can be found beginning on page 3-1 of this document.

City of Huntsville
History of General Fund Deficit Budgeting



# Managing Our Resources

In Huntsville's 2005 Citizen Survey, respondents were asked to identify the most important issue facing our city. The highest ranking concern was property tax rates. The fiscal year 06-07 property tax rate is 3% lower than last year's rate. The City of Huntsville is committed to efficient delivery of quality essential basic services. The adopted budget illustrates to our citizens our commitment to manage their tax dollars more effectively while enhancing the quality of basic services we deliver. This budget provides funding for quality essential services as well as programs that fulfill City Council priorities for the enhancement of our excellence and the growth of our City while maintaining taxes at the effective rate. This year's adopted tax rate of 41.92 cents per one-hundred dollars of assessed valuation is the lowest tax rate the City Council has adopted in the past seven years and the second lowest tax rate that has been adopted in the past nine years. This marks the second consecutive year the City has been able to set the tax rate at the effective rate. The effective tax rate is the tax rate that provides the City with the same amount of tax revenue as the prior year from existing property plus additional tax revenue from any new property. Additional information about property taxes can be found beginning on page 1-23 of this document.

City of Huntsville
FY 06-07 Property Tax Rate

General 23.81¢
Debt 18.11¢

Total 41.92¢

This year's rate represents a 3% decrease from
FY 05-06 rate of 43.19¢ per \$100 valuation.

The City of Huntsville's utility rates for fiscal year 06-07 remain the same as last year rates. The fiscal year 06-07 total operating budget increased by 3.41% from last year's budget but experienced a lesser rate of increase than the Municipal Cost Index (MCI). The MCI, which is similar to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) but designed to show the effects of inflation specifically on the cost of providing municipal services, rose by over 4.9% this past year. Although inflation has outpaced the increase in the City's operating budget, the City of Huntsville continues to provide quality basic services at sustained or increasing levels year after year. Through a strengthened and streamlined organization; strategic, long range planning; and sound management of our resources; the City of Huntsville is providing improved basic service quality and quantity with fewer resources than in years past. The City Council and staff strive everyday to manage the City's revenue and rates in an effective manner and provide the Citizens of Huntsville with better service for less money.

City of Huntsville FY 06-07 Adopted Budget

	FV 0F 0C	EV 00 07	0/ Ch
	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	% Change
	0.0	0. 2	
Total Operating Budget	\$42,110,828	\$43,547,757	3.41%
Capital Projects Budget	\$12,947,473	\$9,831,059	-24.07%
	13344.79		
Total 06-07 Adopted Budget	\$55,058,301	\$53,378,816	-3.05%
	F 1 2 14.79 7		
The Municipal Cos	t Index has risen by	over 4.9% this ye	ar.
*excludes all transfers	7		
	100		A Water

During the preparation of the fiscal year 06-07 budget, the City Council and staff faced several challenges in their effort to limit increases in operating expenses. The rising costs of gasoline, energy, and healthcare has a significant effect on the City's operating budget. Increases in revenue sources such as sales tax, utility service charges, and interest earnings have provided for these and other necessary expense increases and, along with savings from the reorganization, have allowed the City of Huntsville to incorporate new and enhanced services. Major changes in revenues and expenses are listed on the following page. Detailed information about revenues and expenses in each operating fund can be found beginning on page 3-1 of this document.

# City of Huntsville FY 06-07 Selected Major Changes in Operating Revenues and Expenses

Revenues Expenses

		Salaries & Benefits for Additional Positions	311,399
Property Tax Revenue	155,256	Salaries & Benefits for Deleted Positions	(241,630)
Sales Tax Revenue	224,000	Step/COLA/Other Payroll Provisions	529,577
Mixed Drink Tax Revenue	16,000	Overtime	9,193
Public Improvement Permits	(26,000)	TMRS Contribution (Rate Increase*)	23,993
Municipal Court Fines	(23,900)	Unemployment Insurance (Rate Increase*)	17,491
Juvenile Case Coordinator Fees	26,000	City Portion Employee Health Insurance (Rate Increase*)	232,673
Swimming Fees & Concessions	30,000	City Portion Retiree Health Insurance (Rate Increase*)	24,116
Lease of City Property	9,600	Gas and Oil	191,309
Water Service Charges	308,000	MLK Center Roof Repair	26,760
Wastewater Service Charges	117,395	Maintenance of Structures	(28,342)
Solid Waste Service Charges	99,914	Annual Software Maintenance	41,523
Right-of-Way Maintenance Charges	113,203	Fireworks Contract	10,000
Electric Utility Franchise Fee	25,000	Emergency Dispatch Center Contract	34,054
Telephone Utility Franchise Fee	(50,000)	TRA Plant Operations	93,136
Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue	48,000	Electricity Service	176,190
Sales- Cemetery Space	(8,000)	Aquatic Center Operations	156,915
Administrative Reimbursements	339,637	Wynne Home Arts Center Operations	47,700
Interest Earnings	597,456	Insurance- Fleet	21,933
Grants/Reimbursements/Contributions	646,229	Youth and Recreation Programs	26,461
City Portion Health Insurance Payments	293,159	Right-of-Way Maintenance Charges	113,203
Employee/Retiree Health Insurance Payments	37,504	Administrative Reimbursements	339,637
		Capital Equipment Purchases	289,481

<sup>\*</sup>Includes increases due to rate changes only and not other factors such as additional employees.

It is my privilege as your City Manager to present to you a budget that continues the back to the basics effort we began last year. This budget is driven by the vision, mission, and objectives of the City Council. The leadership, dedication, and direction that each of you has provided is greatly appreciated. The staff and employees of this organization continue to demonstrate outstanding service to our community and it is their commitment that makes this back to the basics effort possible. I must take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all who have worked so hard to prepare this budget.

Respectively Submitted,

Kevin P. Evans City Manager

City of Huntsville, Texas



# Reader's Guide

This budget document is intended to give the reader a comprehensive overview of funding for the City of Huntsville's day-to-day operations, capital improvement projects, and outstanding debt requirements. The document is organized into several sections to enhance its usability and allow the reader to easily locate information. An overview of the type of information found in each section is provided below.

# Budget Overview Section

The Budget Overview section contains a general overview of the City of Huntsville's Annual Budget. In this section you will find a budget message that highlights the major objectives and priorities of the City Council during the preparation of the fiscal year 06-07 budget. The reader's guide is located here along with a description of the budget process, a budget calendar, and an operating funds budget summary chart. Also included in the Budget Overview section is an overview of revenues. The revenue overview describes the City's process for budgeting revenues as well as recent revenue trends and graphs for comparison to prior year amounts and other communities. An overview of the City of Huntsville's goals and measurements of effectiveness is also provided as part of the Budget Overview section.

## Department Overview Section

The Department Overview section provides descriptions of the various departments and divisions of the City of Huntsville. Department objectives, accomplishments, workload measures, and effectiveness measures are included in this section along with personnel summaries and budget information.

### Fund Overview Section

The Fund Overview section provides a comprehensive look at the operating budget for fiscal year 2006-07. It includes a descriptive overview of all budgeted funds and provides detailed budget information for all funds. This section is segmented by fund and includes fiscal year 04-05 actual, fiscal year 05-06 budget and estimated, and fiscal year 06-07 budget.

### Debt Section

The Debt section provides a comprehensive overview of the City's debt. It includes a descriptive summary of City debt issues as well as the computation of the legal debt margin. Also included in this section are the annual debt service requirements by fund for all debt issues followed by individual debt payment schedules for each issue.

## Capital Section

The Capital section includes an overview of all approved capital improvement projects and capital equipment purchases for fiscal year 06-07. Descriptions of each current capital project are listed in this section. The operating and project impacts and funding sources are also identified for each project. Capital equipment purchases and funding sources for the fiscal year 06-07 budget are also shown in this section.

# Supplemental Information Section

The Supplemental Information section contains the Fiscal and Budgetary Policies along with the budget and tax rate ordinances for fiscal year 06-07. Also included in this section is an organizational overview which provides a 3 year history of budgeted positions, changes in staffing levels in the current budget, and current pay scales for budgeted positions. Additionally this section includes an organizational chart illustrating the organizational structure of the City. Statistical and information regarding the City is provided in the Supplemental Information section as well.

# Budget Structure

The accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund can be generally thought of as a small business. The operations of each fund are maintained using a set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. City resources are budgeted to the individual funds, by account, and are controlled within the individual fund. The various funds are grouped into generic fund types.

## General Governmental Funds

General Fund

General Debt Service Fund General Capital Projects

## Special Revenue Funds

Court Security Fund

Court Technology Fund

Street Fund

Airport Fund

Library Fund

Police Forfeiture Fund

School Resource Officers Fund

Public Safety Grants Fund

Arts Center Fund

Hotel/Motel Tax Funds

## Enterprise Funds

Water Fund

Wastewater Fund

Solid Waste Fund

Cemetery Operations Fund

### Internal Service Funds

Medical Insurance Fund

Capital Equipment Fund Fire Equipment Fund

Computer Equipment Fund

### Permanent Funds

Library Endowment Fund Cemetery Endowment Fund

The Fiscal and Budgetary Policies, adopted as part of this budget, require that a budget be prepared for each of these funds.

# Basis of Budgeting

Operating budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, with exceptions, including that depreciation is not included in the budget, capital purchases are budgeted in the year of purchase, unmatured interest on long-term debt is recognized when due, and debt principal is budgeted in the year it is to be paid.

# Description of Funds

**General Fund-** The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial transactions of the general government expect for those required to be accounted for in another fund. The principal sources of revenue of the General Fund are property taxes, sales taxes, municipal court fines, and administrative cost reimbursements from other funds. Expenditures in the General Fund are for general government, public safety, public services, parks and recreation, and other community services.

**General Debt Service Fund-** The General Debt Service Fund accounts for the financial resources accumulated for the payment of principal, interest and related costs on long-term debt paid primarily from taxes levied by the City.

Special Revenue Funds- Special Revenue Funds are used to account for revenues either legally obligated for a special purpose, conditions of a grant, or funds designated by Council to be used for a specific purpose. The use of special revenue funds allows for a clearer picture of dedicated or special purpose revenues. The Streets Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the costs of street maintenance and repair with revenue received from utility franchise fees and use of right-of-way fees. Any difference between budgeted expenditures and expected revenues is funded through a transfer from the General Fund. The Court Security and Court Technology Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the municipal court security and technology fees authorized by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures. The Code authorizes a municipality to require a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor offense in the Municipal Court, to pay a \$3.00 security fee and up to a \$4.00 technology fee as a cost of court. The revenue from these fees can only be used for purposes outlined in Articles 102.017 and 102.0172 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The Airport Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the costs of airport maintenance and grants with revenue collected from the operator of the airport whose contract requires a fee be paid based on gallons of aviation fuel sold at the airport. Any difference between budgeted expenditures and expected revenues is funded through a transfer from the General Fund. The Library Special Revenue Fund is used to account for grants received for library related purposes. The Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund retains money for police participation in drug forfeitures to be used for law enforcement purposes. The School Resource Officer Special Revenue Fund is used to account for police security services provided by the Huntsville Police Department to Huntsville Independent School District (HISD) with revenues received through a grant and a contract with HISD. The Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund is used to account for grants received for public safety related purposes. The Arts Center Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the operation and programs of the Wynne Home Arts Center with revenue received from the arts portion of the Hotel/Motel tax and transfers from General Fund. The Hotel/Motel Tax Funds are used to account for the revenues generated from the 7% Hotel/Motel occupancy tax. The tax is allocated as follows: 3% for tourism; 3% for debt and operations of a Visitors Center; and 1% for arts (accounted for in the Arts Center Special Revenue Fund).

**Water Fund-** The Water Fund is an enterprise fund used to account for the cost of providing water service to the community. The primary source of revenue for the Water Fund is water service charges. Water operations consist of production, distribution, capital construction, and utility billing.

**Wastewater Fund-** The Wastewater Fund is an enterprise fund used to account for the cost of providing wastewater collection and treatment service to the community. The primary source of revenue for the Wastewater Fund is wastewater service charges. Wastewater operations consist of collection, treatment, and environmental services.

**Solid Waste Fund-** The Solid Waste Fund is an enterprise fund used to for the cost of providing solid waste collection and disposal service to the community. The City of Huntsville operates a transfer station facility and transfers solid waste to the Polk County Solid Waste Management Center for disposal. The primary source of revenue for the Solid Waste Fund is solid waste user fees. Solid Waste operations consist of collection, disposal, and recycling.

**Cemetery Operations Fund-** The Cemetery Operations Fund is an enterprise fund used to account for the operation of the Oakwood Cemetery with revenue from sale of cemetery space, transfers from General Fund, and transfers from the Cemetery Endowment Fund interest earnings.

Internal Service Funds- Internal Service Funds Internal service funds account for services furnished by a designated program to other programs within the City. The City of Huntsville uses Internal Service Funds (ISF) to accumulate funds for the replacement of equipment and to account for the cost of providing medical insurance coverage to City departments. The <a href="Medical Insurance Internal Service Fund">Medical Insurance Internal Service Fund</a> is used to account for the City of Huntsville's self funded medical insurance program. Other operating funds pay into the fund for coverage for full-time employees. Dependent coverage is provided at a cost to the employee. The Medical Insurance Fund disperses claims and administration fees for health, dental, vision, and life insurance.

The <u>Equipment Replacement Internal Service Funds</u> provide fleet, capital equipment, and computer equipment replacements for the City of Huntsville. User divisions are charged an annual lease fee, based on the useful life and anticipated replacement cost for assets assigned to the division. The replacement funds then purchase replacement equipment as scheduled and/or as conditions warrant.

**Permanent Funds-** Permanent funds are used to report resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only interest earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support City programs. The City of Huntsville has two permanent funds, the Cemetery Endowment Fund and the Library Endowment Fund.

# Budget Preparation Process

The City of Huntsville's budget process begins with the citizens of Huntsville. The City periodically conducts a citizen's survey to allow the Council to focus on our citizen's priorities and interests. Equipped with the results of the most recent citizen survey, the City Council and senior staff engaged in a strategic planning session in March of 2006 in order to plan for the future of Huntsville and to set strategic priorities for the fiscal year 06-07 annual budget. The goals and priorities that resulted from this session guided City staff in the preparation of their departmental budget requests. Each City department prepares a base budget request and a supplemental budget request for each of their divisions. The base budget presents a spending plan for operations at the current service level with updated costs. The City uses a modified, incremental approach to budgeting. The budget for the prior year serves as a starting point for budget estimates. A line item budget is prepared, and detail information supports the line item requests. Explanations of increases and decreases to individual line items are required. Requests for new or enhanced programs, additional personnel, new equipment, and proposed projects are presented as supplemental requests. Each department of the City prepares a budget that seeks to fulfill the City Council's strategic plan and long-term vision for the future of our community through every service they perform, both in daily operations and special projects and programs, but because of Huntsville's limited resources not every budget request can be funded. The City Manager reviews department budget requests and weighs them against available funding and other requests. The City Manager presents a proposed budget to the City Council that includes recommended supplemental requests for new or expanded programs, additional personnel, new equipment, and proposed projects. The City Council holds several budget sessions to review the proposed budget and supplemental requests. Council consideration is also given to requests presented by the public, Council members, and other Council appointed committees. Public hearings and final adoption of the annual budget occurs in September. The budget calendar for fiscal year 06-07 is provided on the following page:

# City of Huntsville Budget Calendar

City Council Strategic Planning Session	03.03.06 - 03.04.06
Staff Budget Kick-off and Training Session	04.03.06
Deadline for Departments to Submit Budget Request	05.11.06
City Manager and Department Head Budget Review Meetings	05.30.06 - 05.31.06
Proposed Budget provided to City Council	06.27.06
City Council Budget Work Session	06.30.06
City Council Budget Work Session	07.14.06
City Council Budget Work Session	08.17.06
Budget and Tax Rate Adoption	09.05.06

# Budget Control & Amendment

The City of Huntsville's Annual Budget is adopted by division within the individual funds. The Budget, as adopted by Council, is subject to change or amendment by formal action of the City Council. The City has a number of levels of detail in the operating budgets - the fund, the department, the division, the classification, and the line item. The below example shows the relationship between the different levels of budget detail:

Fund - General Fund Department - Public Safety Division - Police Classification – Salaries/Other Pay/Benefits Line Item - Salaries- Full Time

The level at which management, without prior Council approval, loses the ability to reapply budgeted resources from one use to another is known as the budgets' "legal level of control." The division level is the legal level of control for the City of Huntsville. The City Manager may, without prior City Council approval, authorize transfers between budget line items within a division and may authorize transfers of \$3,000 or less between divisions. The City Manager may authorize transfers of \$3,000 or less from the budgeted future appropriations account without prior City Council approval. Transfers between divisions and transfers from the future appropriations account are presented to Council on a quarterly basis. Adjustments between funds, or increased budget allocations greater than \$3,000 require Council approval.

During the fiscal year budgetary control is maintained through monthly review of budget statements. The responsibility for budgetary control lies with the Department Head. A department is a major administrative segment of the City which indicates overall management responsibility for an operation or a group of related operations within a functional area (e.g., Public Safety Department, Community Services Department). Divisions are the smallest organizational unit budgeted and are grouped together under departments to demonstrate a broader responsibility. For example, the Public Safety Department is comprised of Public Safety Administration Division, Police Division, Fire Division, and School Resource Officer Division. Department Heads may not approve expenditures that exceed monies available at the classification code level within their divisions without prior approval. Appropriations which have not been expended by departments at the end of the fiscal year lapse. Therefore funds that were budgeted but not used during the fiscal year are not available for use in the next fiscal year unless they are appropriated again by City Council.

The table on the following page shows the relationship between the City of Huntsville's funds and divisions and indicates the department responsible for budgetary control of each division:

# city of Huntsville Departments, Dívísions, and Funds

	General Fund	Water Fund	Wastewater Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Cemetery Operations	Street Special Revenue Fund	Other Special Revenue Funds
Charter Offices							
City Council	•						
Office of City Manager	~						_
Office of City Secretary	~						
Office of City Attorney	~						
Office of City Judge	·						
=						l.	
Administrative Services							
Human Resources	•						
Risk and Safety Management	•						
Office Services	~						
Purchasing	~						
Fleet Admin/Warehouse							
Garage Operations	~						
Building Maintenance	•						
Information Technology							
Information reclinology	~						
Finance Department Finance	•						
Municipal Court	~						
Court Security							~
Utility Billing		~		1			
Public Utilities Department		1	1			1	
Public Utilities Administration	~						
Surface Water Plant		~					
Water Production		·					_
Water Distribution		~					
Meter Reading		~					
Construction Crew		,					
Wastewater Collection			~				
AJ Brown WWTP			,				
NB Davidson WWTP							
			~				
Robinson Creek WWTP			~				
Lab Compliance			~				
Commercial Collection				•			
Solid Waste Disposal				~			
Residential Collection				~			
Recycling				~			
				l		l .	
Public Works Department							
Public Works Administration	~						
Planning	~						
Engineering	<u> </u>						
Surveying	·						
Central Inspection	·						
Health	· ·			1			
Street Sweeping	*						
Streets				ļ		,	
Drainage Maintenance							
						~	
Airport							~
Community Services Department							
Community Services Administration							
Recreation	· ·						
Parks Maintenance							
	~						
Aquatic Center Operations	~						
Library	•						
Cultural Services	~						
Main Street	~						
Cemetery					~		
Arts Center				1			~
		I	1	I	1	1	
Public Safety Department							
Public Safety Administration	~			1			
Police	~						
Fire	~						
School Resource Officers				1			~
-		L			L	L	<u></u>

# Comprehensive Planning

Our community is currently in the process of developing the Huntsville Horizon Plan, a comprehensive plan for the City of Huntsville. The comprehensive planning process allows citizens a forum to express their vision for the future of Huntsville. This plan will provide vital data and direction to City Council and staff for managing growth and help to bind together various previously conducted studies that will be incorporated as part of the Huntsville Horizons Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is designed as a framework for the future development of the City and its two-mile planning jurisdiction over the next 20 years and beyond. It is intended to guide the community's decisions regarding its future physical, economic, and social development. This plan identifies goals, policies and actions to use as decisions are made and the community's vision is achieved. Key elements of the Huntsville Horizon Comprehensive Plan include:

- A realistic vision of the City's future; what it will be like in 20 years.
- Specific goals, supporting objectives, and realistic actions to be achieved during the planning period.
- A map that illustrates the City's vision and provides guidance to coordinate capital investments and provide adequate facilities and services and address future land use, community character, and locations of major infrastructure.
- Identification of needs and estimated costs of initiatives that will be further quantified in the annual budgeting process.
- Priorities established for both programmatic improvements and capital investments. Capital programming is important, but departments must also address and allocate operational and maintenance costs.
- Recommendations on regulations. A significant portion of implementation will be achieved by regulations zoning, subdivision, building codes, and code enforcement.
- Public-private partnership to allow governments to work cooperatively with the private sector, often
  achieving objectives that neither can accomplish alone. Affordable housing and redevelopment strategies
  are common examples requiring both government and private sector participants.
- Intergovernmental cooperation between the City, County, University and State agencies to enable coordination of actions and, in some cases, sharing of resources.
- Governmental programs of acquisition and renewal spanning a wide range of areas, from acquiring land for parks to establishing redevelopment and reinvestment programs.

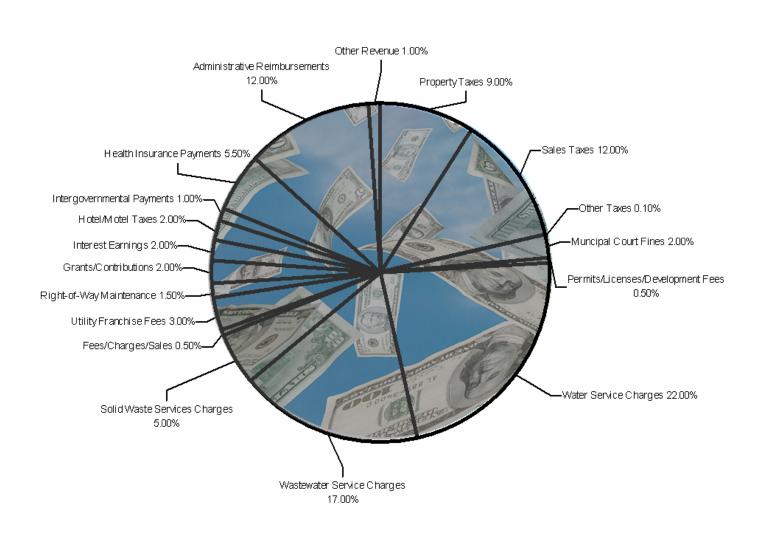
The following plans are referenced as part of the Huntsville Horizon Comprehensive Plan:

- Huntsville Municipal Airport, Airport Master Plan, 2003
- Y2K +10 Campus Master Plan, Sam Houston State University, 2001
- Huntsville Transportation Plan, 2000-2020, 2002, amended 2005
- Huntsville Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2003
- Huntsville 2020, The Cultural Planning Project, Community Cultural Needs Assessment, 1992
- The City of Huntsville Strategic Plan, 2006

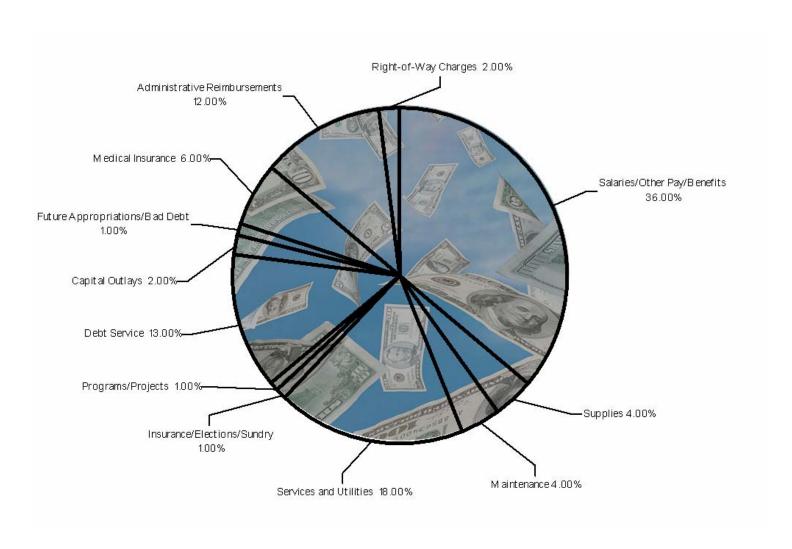
Once complete, the Huntsville Horizon Comprehensive plan will play a significant role in the development of goals and will guide the Council's yearly strategic planning, budgeting, and capital planning process.

# Operating Budget Summary

# Where the Money Comes From...



# Where the Money Goes...



# Operating Budget Summary

, ,	0				
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Water Fund	Wastewater Fund	Solid Waste Fund
Beginning Fund Balance Oct. 1	2,990,000	131,008	4,143,888	2,283,177	1,002,311
Sources of Funds					
Revenues					
Property Taxes	2,315,000	1,779,000	-	-	-
Sales Taxes	5,300,000	-	-	-	-
Other Taxes	66,000	-	-	-	-
Permits/Licenses/Development Fees	220,950	-	-	-	-
Municipal Court Fines	740,200	-	-	-	-
Fees/Charges/Sales	114,050	-	45,000	12,000	1,000
Inter Governmental	246,487	-	-	-	-
Interest Earnings	267,000	30,000	220,000	228,500	55,800
Grants/Reimbursements/Contributions	101,240	-	55,000	295,000	-
Other Revenues	367,080	-	-	-	35,000
Water Revenues	-	-	9,902,416	-	-
Wastewater Revenues	-	-	-	7,480,000	-
Solid Waste Revenues	-	-	-	-	3,669,000
Health Insurance Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Utility Franchise Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Hotel/Motel Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	9,738,007	1,809,000	10,222,416	8,015,500	3,760,800
Administrative Reimbursements	4,653,361	-	311,619	55,208	-
Right-of-Way Maintenance Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers In	202,620	_	-	-	-
Total Sources of Funds	14,593,988	1,809,000	10,534,035	8,070,708	3,760,800
Hann of Bananana					
Uses of Resources					
Expenditures					
Operating Expenses	0.004.070		4 000 000	4 054 707	4 470 057
Salaries/Other Pay/Benefits	9,891,873	-	1,388,839	1,251,727	1,476,357
Supplies	699,111	-	251,415		291,249
Maintenance of Structures	128,660	-	224,500		15,000
Maintenance of Equipment	219,396	-	141,200	131,580	148,390
Services and Utilities	2,344,090	-	3,316,720	784,518	694,539
Insurance/Sundry/Elections	244,439	-	90,350	70,077	74,039
Programs/Projects	178,661	-	-	-	2,000
Debt Service	152,620	1,621,502	1,458,758		105,974
Capital Outlays	99,210	-	25,407	,	-
Future Appropriations/Bad Debt	60,000	-	198,000	98,000	50,000
Medical Insurance				<u> </u>	
Total Operating Expenses	14,018,060	1,621,502	7,095,189		2,857,548
Administrative Reimbursements	-	-	2,237,309		626,885
Right-of-Way Charges	-	-	366,009		112,074
Total Expenditures	14,018,060	1,621,502	9,698,507		3,596,507
Operating Transfers Out	437,269	246,644	159,267		164,840
Transfer to Capital Improvements	92,526	-	1,465,539	1,045,035	-
Total Uses of Resources	14,547,855	1,868,146	11,323,313	8,430,499	3,761,347
Ending Fund Balance Sept. 30	3,036,133	71,862	3,354,610	1,923,386	1,001,764
16.67% Reserved Fund Balance	2,399,701	not	1,610,284	1,214,820	618,682
Unreserved Fund Balance	636,432	required	1,744,326	708,566	383,082
Unreserved Fund Balance	636,432	required	1,744,326	708,566	383,0

Note: For fiscal year 06-07 fund balance reserves were approved as follows: General Fund (20%), Water Fund (25%), Wastewater Fund (25%), Solid Waste Fund (25%), and Street Fund (25%).

	Revenue Fund	Other Special Revenue Funds	Internal Service Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Operating Budget	
-	719,334	794,410	1,003,878	439,720	\$ 13,507,72	
-	-	-	-	-	4,094,0	
-	-	-	-	-	5,300,0	
-	-	-	-	-	66,0	
-	-	-	-	-	220,9	
-	-	35,000	-	-	775,2	
15,000	38,000	1,200	-	-	226,2	
-	-	224,000	-	-	470,4	
450	30,000	17,700	39,200	15,100	903,7	
-	-	176,733	175,288	-	803,2	
-	-	-	-	-	402,0	
-	-	-	-	-	9,902,4	
-	-	-	-	-	7,480,0	
-	-	-	-	-	3,669,0	
-	-	-	2,405,427	-	2,405,4	
-	1,386,000	-	-	-	1,386,0	
-	-	440,000	-	-	440,0	
15,450	1,454,000	894,633	2,619,915	15,100	38,544,8	
-	222,334			-	5,242,5	
-	750,227			-	750,2	
111,558	-	123,032	914,519	-	1,351,7	
127,008	2,426,561	1,017,665	3,534,434	15,100	45,889,2	
92.075	1 140 625	395 100			45 626 5	
83,975	1,148,635	385,106 37,703	- 72 359	-		
8,460	125,366	37,793	- 72,358	-	1,671,4	
8,460 3,400	125,366 482,108	37,793 9,250	- 72,358 -	- - -	1,671,4 1,079,5	
8,460 3,400 3,525	125,366 482,108 54,950	37,793 9,250 1,950	- 72,358 - -	- - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265	37,793 9,250	- 72,358 - - -	- - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560	- 72,358 - - - -	- - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265	37,793 9,250 1,950	- - - -	- - - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920	- - - - - 307,821	- - - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560	- - - -	- - - - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920	- - - - 307,821 801,088	- - - - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241 24,000	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920 - 47,826	307,821 801,088 - 2,622,740	- - - - - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5 406,0 2,622,7	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000 - - - 2,048,062	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920	- - - - 307,821 801,088	- - - - - - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5 406,0 2,622,7	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241 24,000	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920 - 47,826	307,821 801,088 - 2,622,740	- - - - - - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5 406,0 2,622,7 37,555,0 5,242,5	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241 24,000 125,105	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000 - - - 2,048,062 309,259	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920 - 47,826 - - - 1,098,405	307,821 801,088 - 2,622,740 3,804,007	- - - - - - - - -	15,626,5 1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5 406,0 2,622,7 37,555,0 5,242,5 750,2	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241 24,000 125,105 - 125,105	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000 - - - 2,048,062 309,259 - 2,357,321	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920 - 47,826 - - 1,098,405	307,821 801,088 - 2,622,740	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5 406,0 2,622,7 37,555,0 5,242,5 750,2	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241 24,000 125,105	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000 - - - 2,048,062 309,259 - 2,357,321 69,240	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920 - 47,826 - - - 1,098,405	307,821 801,088 - 2,622,740 3,804,007	- - - - - - - - 11,000	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5 406,0 2,622,7 37,555,0 5,242,5 750,2 43,547,7 1,351,7	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241 24,000 125,105 - 125,105	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000 - - - 2,048,062 309,259 - 2,357,321	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920 - 47,826 - - 1,098,405	307,821 801,088 - 2,622,740 3,804,007	- - - - - - - - 11,000	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5 406,0 2,622,7 37,555,0 5,242,5 750,2	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241 24,000 125,105 - 125,105 1,903	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000 - - - 2,048,062 309,259 - 2,357,321 69,240 57,500	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920 - 47,826 - 1,098,405 - 1,098,405 104,445	307,821 801,088 - 2,622,740 3,804,007 - 3,804,007	11,000	1,671,4 1,079,5 700,9 7,737,1 516,8 424,5 5,784,4 984,5 406,0 2,622,7 37,555,0 5,242,5 750,2 43,547,7 1,351,7 2,660,6	
8,460 3,400 3,525 1,504 241 24,000 125,105 1,903 - 127,008	125,366 482,108 54,950 194,265 37,738 5,000 - - - 2,048,062 309,259 - 2,357,321 69,240 57,500 2,484,061	37,793 9,250 1,950 401,560 - 214,920 - 47,826 - 1,098,405 - 1,098,405 104,445 - 1,202,850	307,821 801,088 - 2,622,740 3,804,007 - 3,804,007	11,000	1,671 1,079 700 7,737 516 424 5,784 984 406 2,622 37,555 5,242 750 43,547 1,351 2,660	

# Summary of Transfers and Internal Charges

# **Summary of Operating Transfers**

ΤО

		General Fund	Cemetery Operations	Court Security	Airport SRF	Public Safety Grants	Arts Center SRF	Capital Equipment	Fire Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total Out
F	General Fund	-	100,558	8,000	11,715	19,577	36,740	106,889	77,260	76,530	437,269
R	Debt Service Fund	152,620		-	_	-	-	-	94,024	-	246,644
0	Water Fund	-		-		-	-	76,065	-	83,202	159,267
М	Wastewater Fund	-		-	-	-	-	79,785	-	77,336	157,121
	Solid Waste Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	160,793	-	4,047	164,840
	Street Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,964	-	1,276	69,240
	Cemetery Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,903	-	-	1,903
	SRO Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,445	-	-	7,445
	H/M- Arts	-	_	-	_	-	47,000	-	-	-	47,000
	H/M- Visitors	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
	Cemetery Endowment	-	11,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000
	Total In	202,620	111,558	8,000	11,715	19,577	83,740	500,844	171,284	242,391	1,351,729

# **Summary of Administrative Reimbursements**

ΤО

				Wastewater		
		General Fund	Water Fund	Fund	Street SRF	Total Out
F	Water Fund	2,182,101	-	55,208	-	2,237,309
R	Wastewater Fund	1,577,715	269,020	-	222,334	2,069,069
0	Solid Waste Fund	584,286	42,599	-	-	626,885
М	Street SRF	309,259	-	-	_	309,259
	Total In	4,653,361	311,619	55,208	222,334	5,242,522



# Summary of Transfers and Internal Charges

# **Summary of Right-of-Way Maintenance Charges**

# **Summary of Capital Transfers**

ΤО

		Street SRF	Total Out
F	Water Fund	366,009	366,009
R	Wastewater Fund	272,144	272,144
0	Solid Waste Fund	112,074	112,074
М	Total In	750,227	750,227

TO	0
----	---

		General CIP <sup>1</sup>	Water CIP <sup>2</sup>	Wastewater CIP <sup>3</sup>	Drainage CIP <sup>4</sup>	Total Out
_						
F	General Fund	92,526	-	-	-	92,526
R	Water Fund	90,384	1,375,155	-	-	1,465,539
o	Wastewater Fund	65,035	-	775,000	205,000	1,045,035
М	Street SRF	57,500	ı	-	1	57,500
	Total In	305,445	1,375,155	775,000	205,000	2,660,600

# **Summary of Medical Insurance Charges**

ΤО

		Medical Insurance	Total Out
F	General Fund	1,009,612	1,009,612
R	Water Fund	182,380	182,380
0	Wastewater Fund	169,353	169,353
М	Solid Waste Fund	195,409	195,409
	Cemetery Operations	13,027	13,027
	Court Security	6,514	6,514
	Street SRF	149,812	149,812
	SRO Fund	32,568	32,568
	Total In	1,758,675	1,758,675



# Fund Balances

Fund Balance is defined as unreserved current assets less inventory and on-going receivables (ex. utility billing, sales tax) minus current liabilities payable from these assets. An adequate fund balance is necessary to pay expenditures caused by unforeseen emergencies or for shortfalls caused by revenue declines, and to eliminate any short-term borrowing for cash flow purposes. In accordance with the City of Huntsville's Fiscal and Budgetary Policies, the fund balance reserve for all funds excluding certain funds such as Special Revenue Funds, Internal Service Funds, and Capital Projects Funds must be maintained at a minimum amount of 16.67% of the annual budget (excluding transfers to capital projects) for each fund. For fiscal year 06-07 fund balance reserves were approved as follows: General Fund (20%), Water Fund (25%), Wastewater Fund (25%), Solid Waste Fund (25%), and Street Fund (25%). Fund balance reserves are not used to support on-going operating expenditures. Fund Balance may be used for one time capital expenditures if surplus balances remain after all fund allocations are made and the 16.67% operating reserve is met.

#### General Fund

The General Fund has a projected ending fund balance for fiscal year 06-07 of \$3,036,133 after transfer to capital projects of \$92,526. This marks the second consecutive year the General Fund has a budgeted surplus with expected revenues exceeding planned expenditures. The projected operating reserve for the General Fund is 21.7% of expenditures before transfers to capital and 21.1% after transfers to capital, well within the City of Huntsville's reserve requirement.

### Debt Service Fund

The General Debt Service Fund has a projected ending fund balance for fiscal year 06-07 of \$71,862. A portion of the Debt Service Fund's reserve was used in fiscal year 05-06 for a down payment on the Tax Notes, Series 2005 issue for the aquatic center facility. The reserves of the Debt Service Fund may only be used for the payment of debt.

#### Water Fund

The Water Fund has a projected ending fund balance for fiscal year 06-07 of \$3,354,610 after transfers to capital projects of \$1,465,539. The projected operating reserve for the Water Fund is 49.9% of expenditures before transfers to capital and 34.7% after transfers to capital, well within the City of Huntsville's reserve requirement.

#### Wastewater Fund

The Wastewater Fund has a projected ending fund balance for fiscal year 06-07 of \$1,923,386 after transfers to capital projects of \$1,045,035. The projected operating reserve for the Wastewater Fund is 40.7% of expenditures before transfers to capital and 26.4% after transfers to capital, well within the City of Huntsville's reserve requirement.

### Solid Waste Fund

The Solid Waste Fund has a projected ending fund balance for fiscal year 06-07 of \$1,001,764. The projected operating reserve for the Solid Waste Fund is 27.0% of expenditures, well within the City of Huntsville's reserve requirement. No transfers to capital projects are planned for the Solid Waste Fund in fiscal year 06-07.

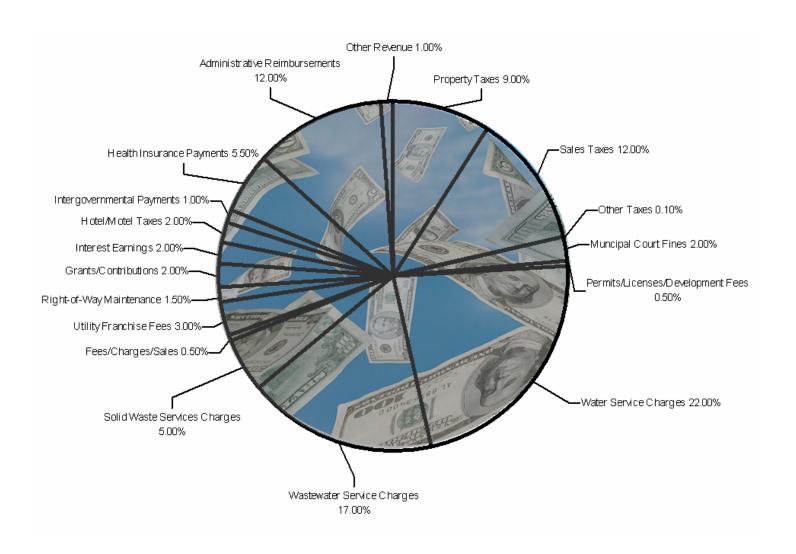
### Street Fund

The Street Fund has a projected ending fund balance for fiscal year 06-07 of \$661,834 after transfers to capital projects of \$57,500. The projected operating reserve for the Street Fund is 29.6% of expenditures before transfers to capital and 27.3% after transfers to capital.

# Revenues

The cornerstone of the City of Huntsville's annual budget is the projection of revenue expected for the coming fiscal year. Accurate revenue projections are an important element in budgeting because decisions on spending must be made within the limits of available funds. Revenues received by the City support the various services provided to the citizens of Huntsville. Accurate revenue projections allow sound management of our resources. The City of Huntsville practices a conservative approach to budgeting and employs various forecasting methods to ensure the most accurate revenue projections possible.

The City of Huntsville receives revenue from several different sources. The below graph shows the sources of income for the City of Huntsville for fiscal year 06-07:

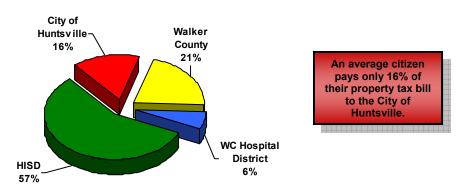




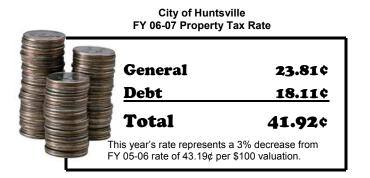
Revenues from property taxes account for 9% of overall city revenues. Taxes are assessed on all property in the city except for certain property that is eligible for exemption such as state owned property. All exemptions from property tax are governed by Federal and State law. The Walker County Appraisal District assesses the value of property in Huntsville and processes applications for exemptions. Based on the total property valuation certified by the Appraisal District, the Huntsville City Council sets a tax rate that will provide sufficient revenue to support public safety services such as police and fire protection and community services such as parks, recreation, and library. The total tax rate set by Council includes a rate for debt service payments as well as a rate for general day-to-day maintenance and operations. The City of Huntsville contracts with the Walker County Appraisal District for property tax billing and collections. Because property taxes are paid per one-hundred dollars of assessed property value, the amount of property tax levied by the City is calculated by dividing the total appraised value of property by one-hundred and then multiplying by the adopted tax rate.

The City is not the only jurisdiction that taxes property located in Huntsville. Other entities including Walker County, Huntsville Independent School District, and the Walker County Hospital District also levy a property tax. Most citizens of Huntsville pay only 16% of their total property tax bill to the City. The other 84% is collected by the other taxing jurisdictions. The below graph demonstrates each entity's portion of the overlapping tax rate:

### 2006 Overlapping Tax Rate

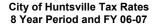


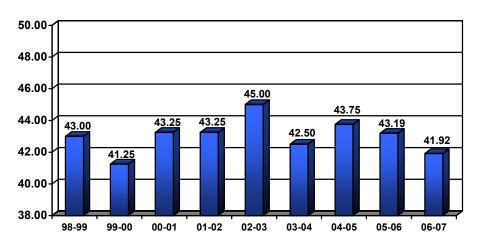
In fiscal year 06-07 the City Council approved a three percent decrease in the tax rate. This year's adopted tax rate of 41.92 cents per one-hundred dollars of assessed valuation is the lowest tax rate the City Council has adopted in the past seven years and the second lowest tax rate that has been adopted in the past nine years. This marks the second consecutive year the City has been able to set the tax rate at the effective rate. The effective tax rate is the tax rate that provides the City with the same amount of tax revenue as the prior year from existing property plus additional tax revenue from any new property.



The City Council approved a 3% decrease in the tax rate for FY 06-07.

The below graph compares the current tax rate with the tax rates from eight prior years:

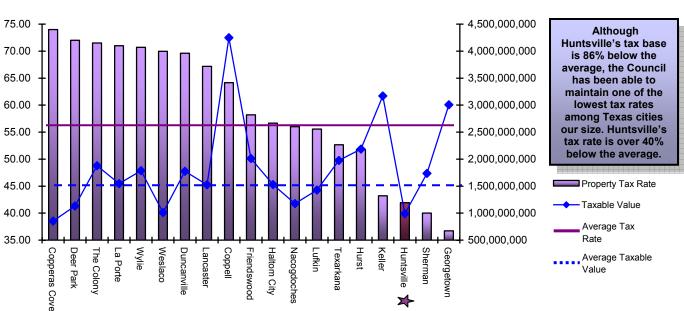




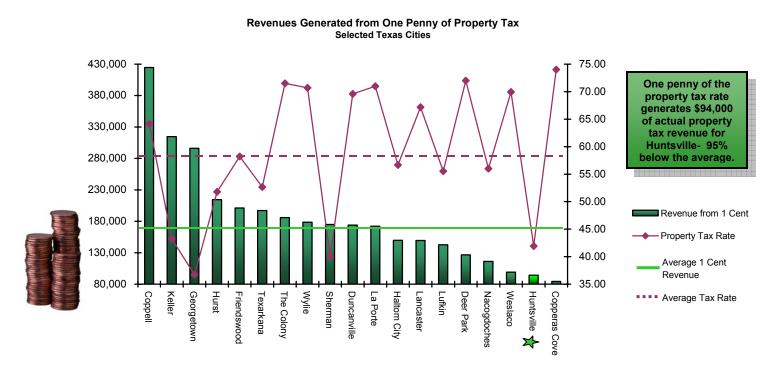
This year the City Council adopted the lowest tax rate Huntsville has seen in 7 years.

The City Council has been able to decrease the tax rate by three percent while continuing to provide excellent essential services to the citizens of Huntsville all while facing unique challenges in property tax management. Because several state institutions are located in Huntsville including the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and Sam Houston State University, the total value of property subject to property tax is much lower in Huntsville than in other communities comparable in population. The City of Huntsville is still able to maintain one of the lowest property tax rates of all Texas cities with populations between 30,000 and 40,000 even though Huntsville has one of the lowest taxable valuations within that group. The below graph shows the taxable valuations and the tax rates of selected Texas cities with populations between 30,000 and 40,000:

### FY 06-07 Property Tax Rates and Valuations Selected Texas Cities



Huntsville's total taxable property valuation of \$987,649,140 is 86% below the average valuation of these cities, but Huntsville's tax rate is over 40% below the average tax rate. Because taxes are collected per one-hundred dollars of value and Huntsville's total taxable property value is so low, Huntsville collects significantly less actual dollars in tax revenue per penny of the tax rate than do most of the other Texas cities comparable in size. Each penny on Huntsville's tax rate generates approximately \$94,000 in revenue for city services. In contrast, each penny on Georgetown's tax rate generates approximately \$296,000 in revenue for their city services. So, even though Georgetown's actual tax rate is 14% lower than Huntsville's, Georgetown collects 215% more in property tax revenue per penny of tax than does Huntsville. The below graph shows the tax revenue generated from one penny on the property tax rate of selected Texas cities with populations between 30,000 and 40,000:

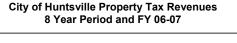


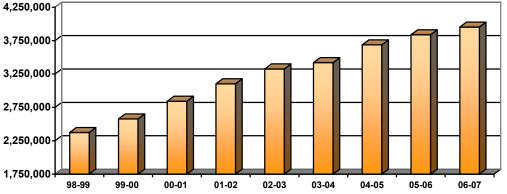
Because of relatively low taxable property value, Huntsville indeed faces a challenge in keeping property taxes low and quality of essential services high. But with sound management of our resources and strategic, long range planning this task can be accomplished.

The preparation of our budget for property tax revenue begins with the receipt of the certified tax roll from the Walker County Appraisal District. Information about Huntsville's total existing and new property value eligible for taxation is included in the documentation received from the Appraisal District. The Appraisal District also calculates the effective tax rate that will provide the city with the same amount of tax revenue as the prior year from existing property plus additional tax revenue from any new property. The Huntsville City Council is committed to keeping the property tax rates in Huntsville among the lowest in Texas and in recent years every effort has been made to reduce the tax rate to the effective rate. In accordance with this effort, our budget for property tax revenue is derived by applying the effective tax rate to the certified taxable property valuation. Based on our historical trends, a provision is made for property tax that is owed but not paid on time or not paid at all. The actual collection rate is traditionally fairly high, and we expect to collect at least 97.5% of what is owed. For fiscal year 06-07, we have also included a provision for property that is under protest as to it's eligibility for taxation. Additionally, the City Council passed an ordinance in 2004 that freezes the tax payments for citizens who are at least 65 or who are disabled to the amount of taxes they paid in fiscal year 04-05. The Appraisal District calculates this tax freeze and its influence on the effective tax rate.

The City Council adopted the effective tax rate in both fiscal years 05-06 and 06-07. Because of this, even though the taxable property value in Huntsville has risen 12.6% since fiscal year 04-05, the amount of property tax revenue collected by the city has remained the same as in fiscal year 04-05 except for the additional revenue generated from new property. It should be noted that, although overall the city will collect the same amount of taxes from existing property as it did the year before, an individual taxpayer may see a change in their tax bill. If the valuation of an individual taxpayer's property increased at a rate higher than the average overall rate, their tax bill is likely to be slightly higher this year than it was last year, but if it increased at a rate lower than the average overall rate or not at all, their tax bill is likely to be slightly lower than it was last year.

Inflation and the rising cost of doing business affects city government just as it does businesses and individuals. The Municipal Cost Index shows that the average cost of providing city services has risen by 10.5% over the past two years. Huntsville has been able to absorb these ever rising costs while still collecting the same amount of tax revenue from existing properties in fiscal years 05-06 and 06-07 as it did in fiscal year 04-05. This has been possible in large part through additional property tax revenues from new property and increasing revenues from sales tax. The below graph shows the actual property tax revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years and the revenue projected for fiscal year 06-07:

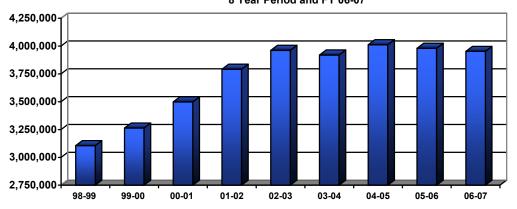




Revenue received from property tax rose an average of 9.0% each year from FY 98-99 to FY 04-05. Since the City Council adopted the effective tax rate in FY 05-06 and FY 06-07 revenue rose an average of just 3.6% each year.

The average yearly increase in property tax revenue in fiscal years 98-99 through 04-05 was 9%. But in fiscal years 05-06 and 06-07, the years that the City Council adopted the effective rate, the average yearly increase was just 3.6%, and is solely the result of the additional revenue received from new property. When the effective rate is adopted, the same amount of revenue is collected as in the prior year from existing property and the additional revenue needed to support the inflated cost of providing city services at current levels must be obtained either through growth and the addition of new taxable property in the community, or from increases in other revenue sources such as sales tax. With the cost of gasoline, utilities, construction materials, healthcare, and so many other daily expenses ever increasing, one-hundred dollars does not have the same purchasing power today as it did even five years ago. In order to evaluate the effect inflation has on Huntsville's ability to provide excellent city services using our limited resources we must consider the purchasing power of the property tax revenues we received in recent history in terms of today's dollar values. The graph on the following page shows property tax revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years inflated to current value and the revenue projected for fiscal year 06-07:

### City of Huntsville Property Tax Revenues Inflated to Current Value 8 Year Period and FY 06-07



Since the adoption of the effective tax rate in FY 05-06, inflation has outpaced the increase in revenue from new property and the purchasing power of the revenue Huntsville receives from property taxes has declined.

Note: Inflation for all graphs calculated based on Municipal Cost Index

Inflation has outpaced the increases in property tax revenue the city has received since fiscal year 05-06, the first year the City Council adopted the effective tax rate, but the City of Huntsville continues to provide quality basic services at sustained or increasing levels year after year. The City of Huntsville is providing improved basic service quality and quantity with fewer resources than in years past. The City Council and staff strive everyday to manage the property tax revenue and rates in an effective manner and provide the Citizens of Huntsville with better service for less money.

The below table shows total property tax revenue received in prior years and property tax revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for both General and Debt Service Funds:

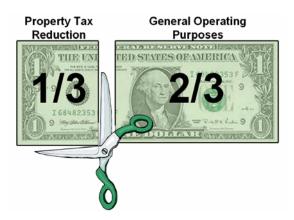
	Actual 03-04	Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06	Estimated 05-06	Budget 06-07
Current	3,420,608	3,686,935	3,796,735	3,837,143	3,952,000
Delinquent	74,533	106,910	100,000	77,817	82,000
Penalty & Interest	50,127	54,150	42,000	66,579	60,000
Total	\$ 3,545,268	\$ 3,847,995	\$ 3,938,735	\$ 3,981,539	\$ 4,094,000



Revenues from sales taxes account for 12% of overall city revenues. All taxable sales in Huntsville are charged a sales tax at a rate of 8.25%. The City of Huntsville receives 1.5% of the 8.25% sales taxes that are remitted by retailers in the city limits, the State of Texas retains 6.25%, and Walker County receives 0.5%. One cent of Huntsville's portion of the sales tax is used for general operating purposes and one-half cent is used for property tax relief. The Texas Legislature gave voters in Texas cities the option of increasing local sales taxes from one cent to one and one-half cent in order to provide property tax relief. Voters in Huntsville approved the sales tax option in August 1987 and the additional one-half cent sales tax began to be collected in January 1988.

For every dollar of sales tax revenue the city receives, two-thirds is used to support general operating services such as police and fire protection, parks, recreation, and library and one-third goes directly to reduce the property tax rate. The below graph demonstrates the City of Huntsville's use of sales tax revenue:

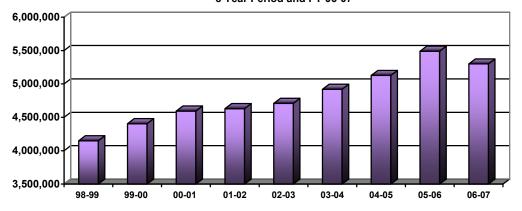
### City of Huntsville Use of Sales Tax Collected



For every additional dollar in sales tax revenue the City of Huntsville collects, 1/3 goes directly to reduce the property tax rate and the remainder goes to support general city services.

The preparation of our budget for sales tax revenue begins with a review of Huntsville's historical sales tax revenue collection trends. Because sales tax revenue is somewhat volatile in nature and is dependent on the general economic conditions of the region and nation, the City of Huntsville has traditionally budgeted sales tax revenue conservatively. The average yearly increase in sales tax revenue over the past eight years was 4.6%. However, in fiscal years 01-02 and 02-03, the years immediately following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the average increase in sales tax revenue was just 1.3%. In line with the historical average increase and Huntsville's traditional conservative budgeting approach, the fiscal year 06-07 sales tax revenue budget was increased by 4.4%. The below graph shows the actual sales tax revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years and the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:

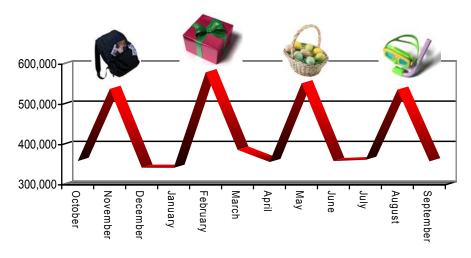
City of Huntsville Sales Tax Revenues 8 Year Period and FY 06-07



Revenue received from sales tax rose an average of 4.4% each year from FY 98-99 to FY 05-06. Because sales tax is somewhat volatile in nature and largely dependent on the general economy, Huntsville traditionally budgets sales tax conservatively.

The fact that sales tax revenue is closely associated with the general economy is easily observed when examining the monthly sales tax revenue collection trends. Sales tax revenue receipts climb sharply in months following traditionally active retail seasons such as Christmas, Easter, back-to-school, and the start of summer travel. The graph on the following page demonstrates the cyclic nature of sales tax and its close association with the general economy: (note: the City of Huntsville's receipt of sales tax revenue lags approximately two months behind the date of actual sale.)

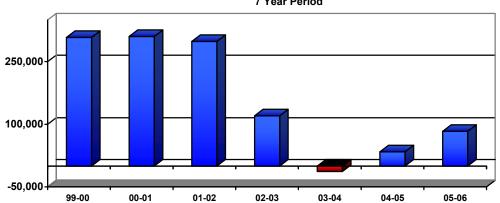
### City of Huntsville Monthly Sales Tax Receipt Cycle



Sales tax revenue is closely associated with the general economy. Huntsville's sales tax receipts increase sharply in months following traditionally active retail seasons.

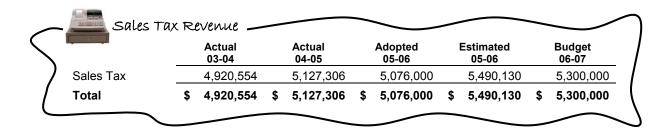
Sales tax is an extremely important source of revenue for the City of Huntsville. Because of Huntsville's relatively low property tax base, the rising cost of providing city services due to inflation, and the fact that adopting the effective property tax rate means you collect the same amount of property tax revenue as in the prior year from existing property, a continuously increasing sales tax revenue stream is an essential component in the success of the City Council's efforts to keep the property tax rates in Huntsville among the lowest in Texas. Inflation causes each revenue dollar Huntsville receives to lose more purchasing power year after year. In order for the City of Huntsville to continue to provide city services at current levels, collecting the same amount of revenue as in the prior year is not sufficient. Enough additional sales tax revenue must be generated in order to keep pace with the inflated cost of providing services to Huntsville citizens and must supplement the loss of purchasing power of static property tax revenue when the effective rate is adopted. To evaluate if Huntsville's sales tax revenue is able to keep pace with the effect of inflation, the net gain or loss of the purchasing power of Huntsville's sales tax revenues and property tax revenues combined must be considered. A net gain indicates that Huntsville's sales tax revenue was able to keep pace with inflation, cover any loss of purchasing power in property tax revenue due to the adoption of the effective rate, and provide additional revenue for general operating purposes. A net loss indicates that Huntsville's sales tax revenue was not able to keep pace with inflation and cover the loss of purchasing power in property tax revenue due to the adoption of the effective rate. The below graph shows the net gain or loss in purchasing power in terms of current dollar value of the property tax revenue and sales tax revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past seven years:

City of Huntsville Property and Sales Tax Net Gain or Loss when Inflated to Current Value 7 Year Period



For the most part,
Huntsville's sales tax
revenue has been able to
keep pace with inflation
and cover any purchasing
power loss from adoption
of the effective property
tax rate. However, this
ability has drastically
declined in recent years.

The below table shows total sales tax revenue received in prior years and sales tax revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for General Fund:





Revenues from mixed drink taxes account for 0.1% of overall city revenues. A tax is assessed on all mixed drinks sold within the city limits of Huntsville. The mixed drink tax revenue budget is prepared based on Huntsville's historical collection trends. The average yearly increase in mixed drink tax revenue over the past eight years was 5%. For the past several years, the City budgeted a flat revenue amount, but actual collections were consistently over budget. From fiscal year 03-04 to 05-06, the average budget to actual variance for mixed drink tax was 21%. The fiscal year 06-07 mixed drink tax budget was increased by 12% from fiscal year 05-06 collections in an attempt to more accurately reflect revenues received.

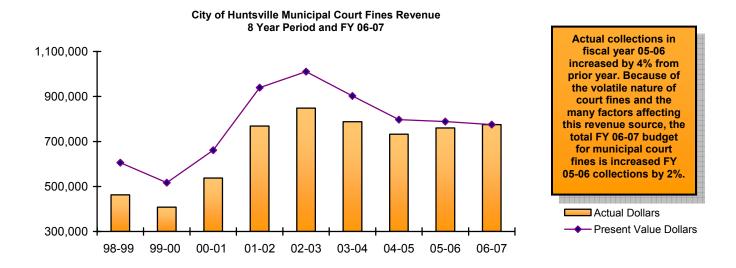
The below table shows total mixed drink tax revenue received in prior years and mixed drink tax revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for General Fund:

	Actual 03-04	Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06	stimated 05-06	Budget 06-07
Mixed Drink Tax	56,267	66,604	50,000	59,106	66,000
Total	\$ 56,267	\$ 66,604	\$ 50,000	\$ 59,106	\$ 66,000

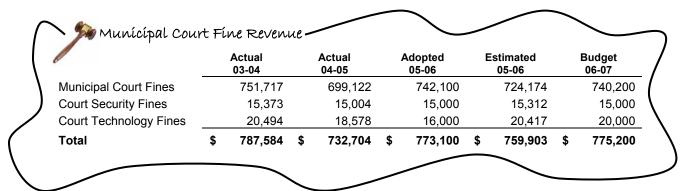
# Municipal Court Fines

Revenues from municipal court fines account for 2% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville Municipal Court is presided over by the City Judge, who is appointed by the City Council. The Municipal Court handles violations in accordance with State law and City ordinances and collects fines that are established by the City Judge. The City contracts with a commercial collection agency to trace and collect fines that are uncollectible by the Municipal Court.

The preparation of our budget for municipal court fines revenue begins with a review of Huntsville's historical court revenue collection trends. From fiscal years 98-99 to 02-03 court fines increased by 83% but have since experienced a 10% decline from the fiscal year 02-03 high of \$848,237 to estimated actual collections in fiscal year 05-06 of \$759,903. Revenue from municipal court fines is volatile and many factors affect the amount of revenue collected each year by the Court. Staffing levels and vacancies in the police department and prosecutors office affects the number of cases filed and prosecuted each year. Judgments entered and defendant's compliance with court orders also has an affect. During fiscal year 05-06 a marshal position was added and assigned full-time to the Municipal Court. The marshal's ability to serve warrants in a timely manner contributes to a higher level of compliance with court orders. State law allows Texas cities the option of collecting an additional five dollar fine on each conviction in order to offset the cost of salary expense for a juvenile case coordinator position. For fiscal year 06-07 the Huntsville City Council chose to enact the new fine and approved the addition of a juvenile case coordinator position to oversee and maintain case files, court procedures, parent notification and contact for juvenile cases. This new fine will provide approximately \$26,000 in additional court fine revenue and has been included in the revenue budget for this year. Actual collections in fiscal year 05-06 increased by 4% from prior year collections. Given the volatile nature of court fines and the many factors affecting this revenue source, the total fiscal year 06-07 budget for municipal court fines, including the new juvenile case fee, is increased conservatively from fiscal year 05-06 collections by 2%. The below graph shows the actual municipal court fine revenue and the present value of the revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years and the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:



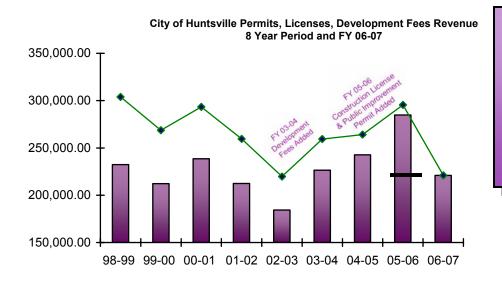
The below table shows total municipal court fines revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for General, Court Security, and Court Technology Funds:





# Permits, Licenses, Development Fees

Revenues from permits, licenses, and development fees account for 0.5% of overall city revenues. The City administers various permits, licenses, and development fees. Permits issued by the City include building, electrical, refrigeration, plumbing, wrecker, taxi, food establishment, and public improvement. Licenses including electrical, sign contractors, construction trade, liquor, beer, and wine are monitored by the City. The permits, licenses, and development fee revenue budget is prepared based on Huntsville's historical collection trends and activity estimates from the City's Public Works Department staff. The average yearly increase in revenue from this source over the past eight years was 3.2%. In fiscal year 03-04, fees for development related services were charged for the first time and in fiscal year 05-06, fees for construction trade licenses and public improvement permits were charged for the first time. When the revenue from these additional fees is excluded, the average yearly increase over the past eight years drops to 1.2%. During the preparation period for this year's revenue budget, revenues from permits, licenses, and development fees in the prior fiscal year of 05-06 were estimated at just \$225,000. During the final month of the fiscal year two larger developments were issued building permits and, as a result, the actual revenue received during the year reached nearly \$285,000. Revenues for fiscal year 06-07 are budgeted at \$220,950 in accordance with original prior year revenue estimates. The below graph shows the actual permits, licenses and development fee revenue and the present value of the revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years as well as the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:



Revenues for FY 06-07 are budgeted in accordance with original FY 05-06 estimates. During the final month of FY 05-06, two larger developments were issued building permits and, as a result, the actual revenue received during the year was \$60,000 more than originally estimated.

Actual Dollars

Present Value Dollars

The below table shows total permits, licenses, and development fee revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the General Fund:

Permits, Licenses, Development Fee Revenue **Estimated** Actual **Actual** Adopted **Budget** 04-05 05-06 06-07 03-04 05-06 **Permits** 195,218 216,025 212,900 251,958 186,900 Licenses 19,133 14,141 27,675 20,120 22,900 **Development Fees** 12,054 12,518 13,475 12,781 11,150 Total \$ 226,405 220,950 242,684 254,050 284,859

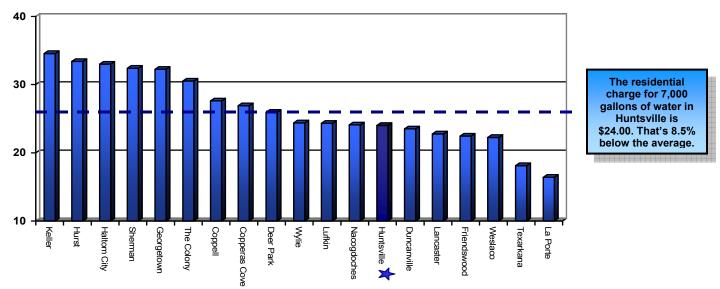


Revenues from water service charges account for 22% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville provides treatment and distribution of water to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Huntsville as well as for Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities, Sam Houston State University facilities, and industrial users such as Tenaska. Except for contractual customers, both residential and commercial customers are charged a water rate based on their meter size and amount of water used. There is a minimum bill based on meter size and a volume charge for water used in excess of 3,000 gallons. The rate structure for Tenaska, an electric cogenerating plant, is established by contract. Tenaska pays to the City the amount of annual debt service payments on improvements at the surface water treatment plant that were required in order to provide the quantity of water used by Tenaska. In addition, Tenaska pays a fixed payment of \$450,000 plus the cost of the purchase and treatment of the actual amount of water used. The below table shows the rate schedule for City of Huntsville water service:

	Cit	y of Huntsv	ille Water	Rates			
М	ÚMÚMU Based on N	(M BÍll Meter Size	Usage Charges Based on Gallons Used				
2	er Size 0.75 1.00 1.50 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00 3.00	Rate Charged  \$15.00 21.00 27.00 43.50 165.00 210.00 315.00 435.00	Gallons Used Under 3,000 3,000-12,999 Over 13,000  Gallons Used Under 3,000 Over 3,000	Rate Charged See Minimum Bill \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons \$2.64 per 1,000 gallons  Commercial  Rate Charged  See Minimum Bill \$2.64 per 1,000 gallons			

It is a priority of the Huntsville City Council to provide sufficient amounts of high quality water at the lowest rate possible to the citizens and customers of Huntsville. The City Council and City staff have worked diligently to keep water rates in Huntsville low, quantity of water sufficient, and quality of water and service high. The water distributed by the City of Huntsville exceeds all the standards set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and has been awarded the Superior Water Systems rating by the TCEQ. The City of Huntsville is able to maintain among the lowest water rates in Texas cities similar in population to Huntsville while providing an excellent quality of water and service to Huntsville water customers. The graph on the following page shows the residential costs for 7,000 gallons of water in selected Texas cities with populations between 30,000 and 40,000:

#### Residential Charge for 7,000 Gallons of Water Selected Texas Cities

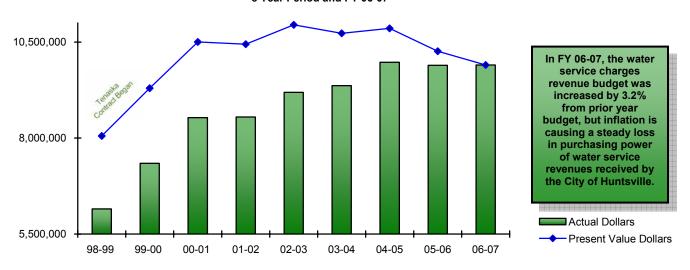


Compared to other Texas cities similar in size, Huntsville's water rates are extremely competitive. The cost for 7,000 gallons of water to a residential customer in Huntsville is \$24 and is 8.5% below the average charge from these cities. The City of Huntsville is able to provide outstanding water service to its customers while maintaining affordable water rates.

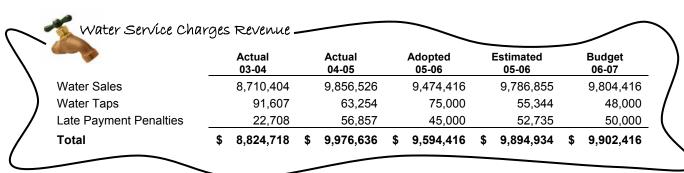
The preparation of our budget for water service revenue begins with a review of Huntsville's historical water service revenue collection trends. Because charges for water service are comprised of two components- a minimum base charge and a consumption charge- the water service revenues received by the City of Huntsville are affected not only by the total number of current water customers but also by the amount of water consumed by those customers. As the population of Huntsville grows, so does the demand for and usage of water. But population growth is not the only factor that affects how much water is consumed in Huntsville. The water system in Huntsville supplies water not only to those who live in our city, but also to those who conduct business, attend school, or travel through Huntsville. Weather conditions also affect consumption patterns. During years when rainfall is scarce and temperatures are hot, both water consumption and revenue climb. During years when rainfall is more plentiful, consumption is not as high and less revenue is collected. Because weather conditions are largely unpredictable, the City of Huntsville budgets water revenue conservatively. The average yearly increase in water service revenue over the past eight years was 8.7%, but the average yearly increase over just the past five years was 3.2%. In line with historical average increases and Huntsville's conservative budgeting approach, water service revenue budget for fiscal year 06-07 was increased by 3.2% from prior year budget.

Although actual revenues from water service are expected to increase from prior year, inflation affects the purchasing power of this revenue source just as is does property tax, sales tax, and all sources of revenue for the City of Huntsville. As inflation rises, the purchasing power of water service revenue falls. The City Council and City staff of Huntsville endeavor to ensure the delivery of high quality water while maintaining low water rates, all while battling against the rising cost of providing service. The graph on the following page shows both the actual and present value of the water service revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years as well as the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:

### City of Huntsville Water Service Charges Revenue 8 Year Period and FY 06-07



The below table shows total water service charges revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the Water Fund:



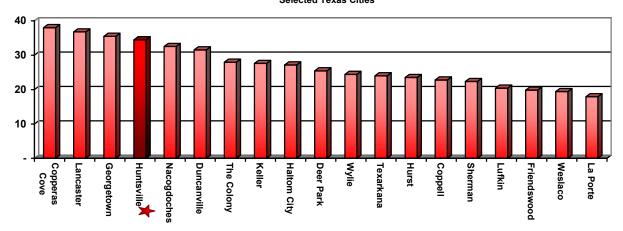


Revenues from wastewater service charges account for 17% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville provides the collection and treatment of wastewater for the residents, businesses, and visitors of Huntsville as well as for Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities and Sam Houston State University facilities. Because wastewater usage is not metered, charges for wastewater service are based on water usage. Water that is flushed and drained enters the City of Huntsville's wastewater system and is treated in one of Huntsville's wastewater treatment plants. Both residential and commercial customers are charged a wastewater rate that includes a minimum base bill and a consumption charge for amount of water used. For residential customers, the consumption charge is based on the average volume of water used in the winter months of November, December, January, and February in order to adjust for seasonal water usage for outdoor irrigation purposes. For commercial customers the consumption charge is based on actual volume of water used each month. The table on the following page shows the rate schedule for City of Huntsville wastewater service:

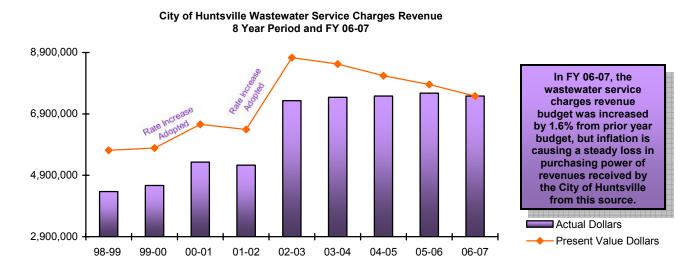


The Huntsville City Council is committed to providing high quality service to its citizens at the lowest possible cost. Huntsville's beautiful topography of seven hills and seven streams creates a stunning natural setting enjoyed by those who call Huntsville home, but it also causes wastewater service in Huntsville to be more expensive than most other similarly populated cities in Texas. Wastewater collection systems consist of buried pipelines that transport sewage to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated to reduce the level of contaminants it contains. Whenever possible wastewater systems employ the force of gravity to transport sewage from homes and businesses to centralized treatment plants, but gravity cannot cause sewage to flow uphill. When a wastewater line reaches the base of a hill a lift station must be installed to "lift" sewage to a higher elevation where it can then continue to flow by gravity to the treatment plant. The topography of a community is a major factor in determining the number of lift stations that must be used. Communities with many hills such as Huntsville require many lift stations to be operated as part of the wastewater collection system and as a result the cost of wastewater service is higher. The City of Huntsville operates 27 lift stations as part of the wastewater collection system, but the average number of lift stations operated by Texas cities similar in population is just 17. The number of wastewater treatment plant facilities a city must operate also effects wastewater service costs. When a treatment facility nears its daily flow capacity, a city must construct another treatment facility or expand an existing facility. The debt resulting from expansion of treatment capacity contributes to higher wastewater service costs. Along with infrastructure considerations, many additional factors must be taken into account when comparing the costs of wastewater service among cities. Methods of calculating sewer charges vary from city to city and caution must be used to ensure the comparison is not skewed. Minimum base costs, gallons included in minimum, consumption charges per gallon, and whether or not a city practices winter averaging must be considered when performing a comparison. The graph on the following page shows the residential costs for wastewater service in selected Texas cities with populations between 30,000 and 40,000. (Because using a winter averaging method typically reduces the amount of gallons of wastewater a Huntsville customer is billed for on an annual basis to at least 80% of actual annual water consumption, the cities who use actual water consumption are based on 7,000 gallons of water usage and cities who use a winter averaging method are based on 80% of that volume.)

#### Residential Charge for Wastewater (Includes Storm Drainage Charges) Selected Texas Cities



The preparation of our budget for wastewater service revenue begins with a review of Huntsville's historical wastewater service revenue collection trends. Charges for wastewater service are comprised of two components- a minimum charge and a consumption charge based on the amount of water used. Wastewater consumption is calculated from water usage. Wastewater service revenue, like water service revenue, is affected by total current wastewater customers and also by amount of water consumed by those customers. Although wastewater revenue trends and water revenue trends are related, significant differences do exist between them. Not all City of Huntsville water customers are also served by our wastewater system. Additionally, residential customers are charged a wastewater rate based on average winter water usage, so hot and dry weather conditions have a lesser impact on wastewater revenues than they do on water revenues. The average yearly increase in wastewater service revenue in fiscal years 98-99 through 05-06 was 10.5%. In both fiscal year 00-01 and 02-03, wastewater rate increases were adopted and resulted in significant revenue increases. The average yearly increase since the last wastewater rate increase in fiscal year 02-03 was just 1.1%. Prior year actual wastewater collections exceeded budget by 2.9%. In line with historical average increases and Huntsville's conservative budgeting approach, the wastewater service revenue budget for fiscal year 06-07 was increased by 1.6% from the prior year budget. The increases in wastewater service revenue over the past several years have been outpaced by inflation and the rising costs of providing municipal services. Each year the purchasing power of this revenue source declines as inflation rises, but the City Council and City staff continue to provide excellent service with fewer resources. The below graph shows both the actual and present value of the wastewater service revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years as well as the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:



The below table shows total wastewater service charges revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the Wastewater Fund:

	Actual 03-04	Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06	ı	Estimated 05-06	Budget 06-07
Wastewater Charges	7,366,415	7,376,575	7,300,000		7,468,551	7,375,000
Wastewater Taps	47,019	40,507	50,000		45,119	45,000
Late Payment Penalties	27,446	65,025	12,605		60,012	60,000
Total	\$ 7,440,880	\$ 7,482,107	\$ 7,362,605	\$	7,573,682	\$ 7,480,000

# Solid Waste Service Charges

Revenues from solid waste service charges account for 8% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville provides the collection and disposal of solid waste for the residents and businesses of Huntsville. Residential customers in single family dwellings are charged \$15.81 per month for these services and have their waste collected twice per week. Commercial rates are based on the size of the container and number of times waste is collected each month. In addition to Huntsville residents and businesses, the City also provides the disposal of solid waste for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, and areas throughout Walker County. The City of Huntsville operates a transfer station facility and transfers solid waste to the Polk County Solid Waste Management Center for disposal. The City of Huntsville charges a disposal fee based on tonnage of waste brought to the transfer facility.

Unlike the majority of Texas cities with populations between 30,000 and 40,000, Huntsville still collects residential solid waste manually. Many other cities either have an automated collection system or contract the collection service out to a private company. Although a manual collection system allows for a unique level of personalized service, manual collection is much more labor intensive and costly. The table on the following page shows the residential costs for solid waste service and the type of service provided by selected Texas cities with populations between 30,000 and 40,000:

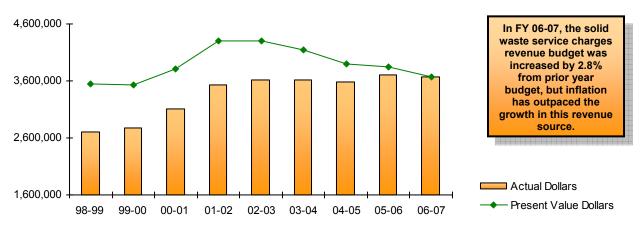
#### Residential Charge for Solid Waste Service Selected Texas Cities

र वाग वागुट वा	llection Per Week	2 quri	oage Collections Per Week
City Name	Monthly Charge 🛶	City Name	Monthly Charge
Automated Collection Serv	ice Performed by City	Manual Collection	Service Performed by City
Nacogdoches	22.78	Huntsville	15.81
Lufkin	14.48	La Porte	15.50
Sherman	10.70	Deer Park	Included in Property Tax
Collection Service Contract	ed Out	Collection Service	Contracted Out
Copperas Cove	13.00	Texarkana	15.88
Georgetown	12.95	Coppell	13.89
Wylie	11.30	Friendswood	9.93
Duncanville	11.29	Keller	9.65
The Colony	9.63	Hurst	9.01
Lancaster	9.27	Haltom City	8.17

The City Council is committed to providing high quality service at the lowest possible cost and strives to balance the benefits of manual service provision with the higher costs it brings. As a part of this effort the City Council is considering a range of options including continuing with the current manual collection service or changing to an automated or contracted collection system in order to possibly lower costs.

The preparation of our budget for solid waste service revenue begins with a review of Huntsville's historical solid waste service revenue collection trends. The average yearly increase in solid waste service revenue over the past eight years was 5.2%, but the average yearly increase over the past five years was 1.2%. In accordance with historical increases, Huntsville's conservative budgeting approach, and a new contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife for collection of waste at Huntsville State Park, the solid waste service revenue budget for fiscal year 06-07 was increased by 2.8% from the prior year budget. Like water and wastewater service revenue, the increases in solid waste service revenue over the past several years have been outpaced by inflation. The below graph shows both the actual and present value of the solid waste service revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years as well as the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:

## City of Huntsville Solid Waste Service Charges Revenue 8 Year Period and FY 06-07

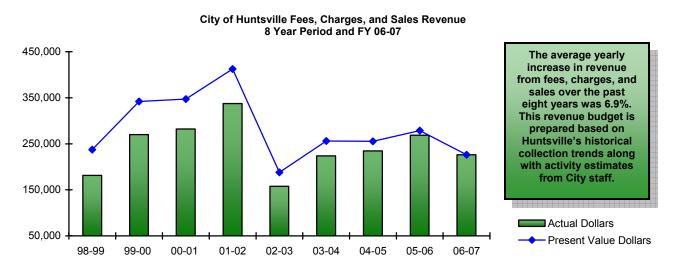


The below table shows total solid waste service charges revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the Solid Waste Fund:

	 Actual 03-04	Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06	Estimated 05-06	Budget 06-07
Residential Collections	1,305,759	1,282,245	1,280,000	1,295,265	1,280,000
Commercial Collections	1,679,325	1,615,419	1,601,846	1,665,840	1,675,000
Disposal Fees	617,509	652,392	650,240	699,945	675,000
Late Payment Penalties	 16,716	39,525	37,000	39,168	39,000
Total	\$ 3,619,309	\$ 3,589,580	\$ 3,569,086	\$ 3,700,217	\$ 3,669,000



Revenues from fees, charges, and sales account for 0.5% of overall city revenues. The City collects fees and charges for certain services in order to partially offset the cost of providing and administering these services. These fees and charges include such things as passport fees, park rental fees, recreation program and aquatic center fees, library fees, returned check charges, and utility service connection and reconnection charges. The fees, charges, and sales revenue budget is prepared based on Huntsville's historical collection trends and activity estimates from City staff. In General Fund, fees from passport applications have increased by over 50% from fiscal year 02-03 through fiscal year 05-06 and are expected to continue to climb. The fiscal year 06-07 budget for General Fund includes \$30,000 of revenue expected from the new aquatic center in anticipation of the first season of operation. In Water and Wastewater Funds, utility service reconnections fees are expected to decline following implementation of stricter timelines regarding service disconnections for nonpayment. The average yearly increase in revenue from fees, charges, and sales over the past eight years was 6.9%. In line with historical average increases and Huntsville's conservative budgeting approach, the fees, charges, and sales revenue budget for fiscal year 06-07 was increased by 6.6% from the prior year budget. The below graph shows both the actual and present value of the fees, charges, and sales revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years as well as the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:

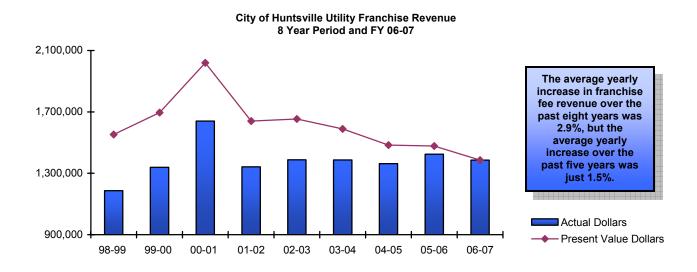


The below table shows total fees, charges, and sales revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the General, Special Revenue, and Enterprise Funds:

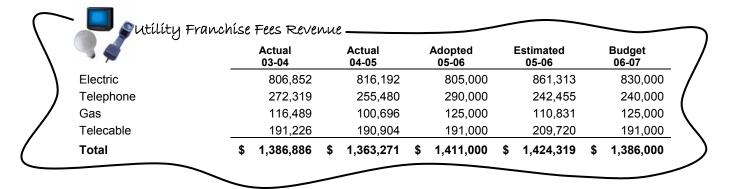
PAID Fees, Charges,	Actua 03-04	•	Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06	Е	stimated 05-06	Budget 06-07
General Fund	97	,672	78,921	92,000		102,200	114,050
Special Revenue Funds	35	,427	49,909	33,200		60,352	39,200
Water Fund	46	,409	67,127	39,000		64,786	45,000
Wastewater Fund	28	,779	12,890	24,109		29,752	12,000
Solid Waste Fund	2	,613	1,086	1,000		1,105	1,000
Cemetery Fund	12	,713	24,732	23,000		10,470	15,000
Total	\$ 223	,613	\$ 234,665	\$ 212,309	\$	268,665	\$ 226,250



Revenues from utility franchise fees account for 3% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville collects franchise fees from utility companies and allows them to place facilities (i.e. poles and wires) on public property (i.e. rights-of-way/easements). Utilities companies such as electrical providers, gas providers, telephone providers, and telecable providers which utilize public rights-of-ways in the City of Huntsville pay a franchise fee. The preparation of our budget for utility franchise fee revenue begins with a review of Huntsville's historical franchise fee revenue collection trends. The average yearly increase in revenue from this source over the past eight years was 2.9%, but the average yearly increase over the past five years was just 1.5%. Franchise fee collection from electric providers has increased an average of 2.8% each year since fiscal year 02-03 and the fiscal year 06-07 electric franchise revenue budget has been increased by \$25,000. Franchise fee collection from telephone providers has declined an average of 5% each year since fiscal year 02-03 and the fiscal year 06-07 telephone franchise revenue budget has been decreased by \$50,000. The fiscal year 06-07 revenue budget for gas and telecable franchise fees remain the same as prior year. The below graph shows both the actual and present value of the utility franchise fee revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years as well as the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:



The below table shows total utility franchise fee revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the Street Special Revenue Fund:





/M

## Ríght-of-Way Maintenance

Revenues from right-of-way maintenance charges account for 1.5% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville's Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Funds pay the Street Special Revenue Fund a portion of their revenues in order to offset the Street Fund's cost of maintaining the public streets and right-of-ways for use in operating the Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste utilities. The City's water and wastewater transmission lines are located in City streets and right-of-ways and it is important that they be maintained in manner that ensures the City's infrastructure investment is protected and can be accessed for maintenance, repair, and replacement when needed. Well-maintained streets and right-of-ways also ensure that City staff is able to provide high quality service to citizens and utility customers. The right-of-way maintenance revenue budget is prepared based on Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste fund revenue budgets. The Street Fund receives 3.5% of Water and Wastewater Fund's budgeted revenue and 3.0% of Solid Waste Fund's budgeted revenue.

The below table shows total right-of-way maintenance revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the Street Special Revenue Fund:

	Actual 03-04		Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06	E	Estimated 05-06	Budget 06-07
Charge to Water Fund	125	,000	217,500	302,566		302,566	366,009
Charge to Wastewater Fund	136	,000	219,000	226,215		226,215	272,144
Charge to Solid Waste Fund	70	,000	108,375	108,243		108,243	112,074
Total	\$ 331	,000	\$ 544,875	\$ 637,024	\$	637,024	\$ 750,227



Revenues from grants, reimbursements, and contributions account for 2% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville receives grants and contributions from various sources, for various purposes, and in various amounts. The reimbursement and contribution revenue budget is prepared conservatively based on Huntsville's historical collection trends and estimates from City staff. The grant revenue budget is prepared based on grants awarded to the City, grants applied for by the City, and City staff's knowledge of any upcoming grants for which the City may apply. Every effort is made to include all grants that can reasonably be anticipated, but given the nature of grant announcements and cycles, occasionally the budget must be amended during the year to provide for grants that are sought or received that were not included in the original budget. The table on the following page list the grants included in the fiscal year 06-07 operating budget:

		In Application Stage		
	Grant Source	Use of Funds	<b>Grant Amount</b>	Match Required
_	2006 SAFER Grant	Additional Fire Personnel	100,240	11,136
707	2006 Fire Grant	Bunker Gear	62,923	7,077
- 88	Texas Forest Service	Various Equipment & Training	25,000	10,000
	Office of National Drug Control	Computer Equipment	11,785	-
0187	RAMP/TxDOT	Routine Airport Maintenance	5,000	5,000
		Grants Received		
	Grant Source	Use of Funds	Grant Amount	Match Required
	2006 JAG Grant/DOJ	Law Enforcement Equipment	10,234	-
	2006 Secure Our Schools/DOJ	School Safety Programs and Officer	40,000	2,500
	2007 TX STEP	Tobacco Programs	4,000	-
	TCLEOS Training Grant	Police Training	4,040	-
	Loan Star Libraries Grant	Library Related Purchases	8,947	-
	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Heavy Brush Solid Waste Truck	175,288	-
	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Plant and Lift Stations Generators	350,000	70.000

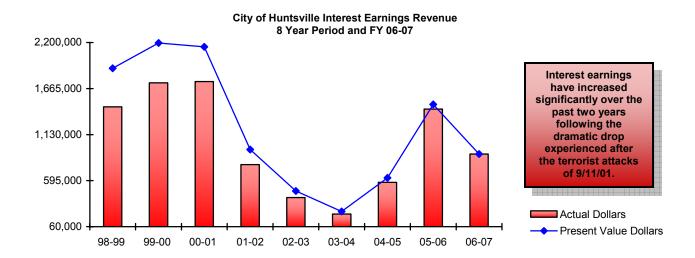
The below table shows total grants, reimbursements, and contributions revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for all operating funds:

	 Actual 03-04	Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06	E	Estimated 05-06	Budget 06-07
Grants	344,136	578,608	145,732		107,613	797,457
Reimbursements	77,175	109,114	-		-	
Contributions	 42,647	44,277	13,000		49,416	5,804



Revenues from interest earnings account for 2% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville earns interest on invested funds. The City of Huntsville must invest funds according to the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. The interest earnings revenue budget is prepared based on City financial staff's and advisor's analysis of interest rates, historical trends and projection of amount of funds to be invested. A conservatively projected interest rate was applied to the average fund balance over the past several years and compared to expected fiscal year 05-06 collections.

During the years immediately following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, interest rates decreased dramatically, but over the past two years interest rates have risen significantly. The below graph shows both the actual and present value of the interest earnings revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years as well as the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:



The below table shows total interest earnings revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for all operating funds:

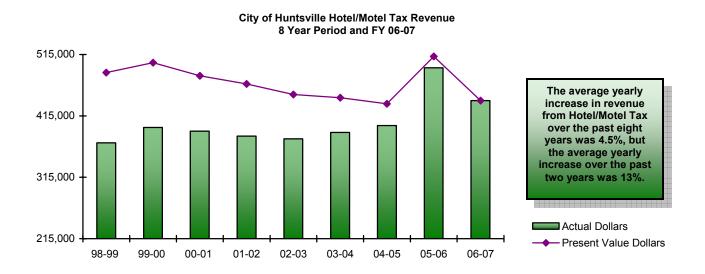
Interest 8	<del>-</del> arning	gs Reveni	ле <b>–</b>			_		_	
		Actual 03-04		Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06		Estimated 05-06		Budget 06-07
Interest Earnings		207,060		575,640	306,394		1,427,321		903,750
Total	\$	207,060	\$	575,640	\$ 306,394	\$	1,427,321	\$	903,750



Revenues from hotel/motel taxes account for 1% of overall city revenues. The Tax Code allows most cities the option of levying an occupancy tax of up to 7% on the price of a hotel or motel room. Texas counties are also authorized to adopt a tax amount between 2% and 7% of the amount paid for a hotel room and the State of Texas imposes a hotel occupancy tax of 6%. Unlike the local sales tax, the hotel occupancy tax is optional and can be imposed without the approval of voters. Under the law, local government proceeds from this tax must be earmarked for certain specified purposes, including the advertising and promotion of the city and its vicinity to attract tourism, arts and cultural activities, historical restoration and preservation activities, registration of convention delegates, operation of visitor information centers, the construction of civic centers and auditoriums, and sporting events.

Two questions must be answered to determine if a proposed use for the hotel occupancy tax is valid. First, does the expenditure directly enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry? In other words, does it put "heads in beds"? Secondly, does the expenditure fall under one of the six statutory categories for expenditures of these revenues? The six categories are as follows: funding the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of a convention center or visitor information center; paying the administrative costs for facilitation convention registration; paying for tourism-related advertising and promotions of the city or its vicinity; funding programs which enhance the arts; funding historical restoration or preservation programs; and funding for sporting events in a county under 290,000 in population. Texas statutes include additional rules regarding the actual percentages of the hotel occupancy tax revenue that can be spent on each of these six categories. These rules, however, differ depending on the population of the city. The hotel occupancy tax cannot be used for general revenue purposes or to pay for expenses that are not directly related to the promotion of tourism.

The hotel/motel tax revenue budget is prepared based on Huntsville's historical collection trends and activity estimates from the City staff and financial consultants. The average yearly increase in revenue from this source over the past eight years was 4.7%, but the average yearly increase over the past two years was 13.6%. In accordance with historical average increases, the City of Huntsville's conservative budgeting approach, and input from the City's financial advisors hotel/motel tax revenue budget for fiscal year 06-07 were increased by 12% from the prior year budget. The below graph shows both the actual and present value of the hotel/motel tax revenue received by the City of Huntsville over the past eight years as well as the revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07:



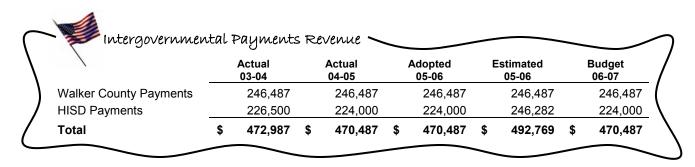
The below table shows total hotel/motel tax revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the Hotel/Motel and Arts Center Funds:

3	Actual 03-04		Actual 04-05	Adopted 05-06		Estimated 05-06	udget 06-07
H/M Tax- Arts	55,4	27	57,055	56,00	)	70,490	60,00
H/M Tax- Tourism	166,2	81	171,171	169,00	)	211,470	190,00
H/M Tax- Visitors Center	166,2	82	171,171	167,00	)	211,471	190,00
Total	\$ 387,9	89 \$	399,397	\$ 392,00	) \$	493,432	\$ 440,00



Revenues from intergovernmental payments received account for 1% of overall city revenues. The City of Huntsville receives payments from Walker County and Huntsville Independent School District for public safety related services. Walker County contracts with the City for fire protection services and the Huntsville Independent School District contracts with the City for the operation of the School Resource Officer program. The intergovernmental payments revenue budget is prepared based on Huntsville's payment amount agreements included in the respective contracts.

The below table shows total intergovernmental payments revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the General and School Resource Officer Funds:





### Health Insurance Payments

Revenues to the Insurance Fund from City and employee health insurance payments account for 5.5% of overall city revenues. Of the 5.5%, 4.5% consists of payments from City funds for the City's portion of the cost of providing city employee and retiree health insurance which includes medical, dental and life insurance. 1% consists of payments from city employees and retirees for their portion of the cost of their health insurance. The preparation of our budget for health insurance payments revenue begins with the receipt of health plan proposals from the City's benefits consulting company. Payment amounts are set at the appropriate level to provide adequate funding for the City's health plan. Payment amounts for the City's portion are calculated per full-time employee and were increased by 15% in fiscal year 06-07 to cover increasing health insurance costs and to help return the Medical Insurance Fund to sound operating condition. Payments amounts for employees and retirees are based on the coverage option they choose.

The below table shows total health insurance payments revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the Medical Insurance Fund:

tealth Insurance Payments Revenue Actual Actual Adopted **Estimated Budget** 03-04 04-05 05-06 05-06 06-07 City Fund Payments 1,943,771 1,434,773 1,650,408 1,656,072 1,943,567 Employee/Retiree Payments 326,010 295,646 424,356 413,385 461,860 **Total** 2,269,781 2.405.427 1.730.419 2.074.764 2,069,457



Revenues from administrative reimbursements account for 12% of overall city revenues. Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, and Street Fund reimburse the General Fund for their portion of the administrative costs. Administrative services are budgeted in the General Fund, but provide management and administrative services for each of these other funds as well. The costs of providing these services are divided among the funds that utilize them. The method of calculation for the allocation of costs is dependent on the nature of the service being provided. The below table shows the different methods of allocation:

### FY 2006-2007 Administrative Reimbursements

General Fund

### **General Administrative Reimbursements**

The allocations for the below divisions are based on percent of total adjusted budget in each fund.

City Council

City Manager

City Secretary

**City Attorney** 

**Risk & Safety Management** 

**Finance** 

Office Services

Purchasing

**Building Services** 

### **Human Resources Reimbursements**

The allocations for the below division is based on number of employees in each fund.

**Human Resources** 

### Fleet Administrative Reimbursements

The allocations for the below divisions are based on the value of fleet in each fund.

Fleet and Warehouse Administration Garage Services

### **Technology Administrative Reimbursements**

The allocation for Information Technology administration is based on percent of total adjusted budget in each fund.

The allocation for Information Technology software maintenance is based on the costs of the software and computer applications used by each fund.

#### **Public Works Administrative Reimbursements**

The allocations for the below divisions are based on estimates of personnel time usage in each fund.

Public Works Administration

Planning

Engineering

Surveying

Central Inspection

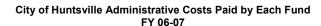
Health Inspection

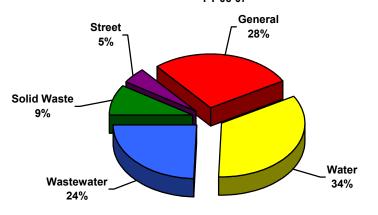
### **Public Utilities Administrative Reimbursements**

The allocations for the below division is based on estimates of personnel time usage in each fund.

**Public Utilities Administration** 

The below graph shows the portion of General Fund administrative costs paid by each fund in fiscal year 06-07:





Each fund pays a portion of the costs necessary for the successful management and administration of the services the City of Huntsville provides.

In addition to reimbursements to the General Fund, the Enterprise Funds also receive reimbursement for certain services. Water Fund is reimbursed by the Wastewater and Solid Waste Funds for utility billing and meter reading services. Wastewater Fund is reimbursed by the Water Fund for environmental lab services. Street Fund is reimbursed by the Wastewater Fund for drainage maintenance services.

The below table shows total administrative reimbursements revenue received in prior years and revenue budgeted for fiscal year 06-07 for the General, Water, Wastewater, and Street Fund:

łdministrative Reimbursement Revenue **Actual Actual** Adopted **Estimated** Budget 03-04 04-05 05-06 05-06 06-07 Reimbursements- General 4,215,525 4,653,361 2,993,567 3,696,776 4,215,525 Reimbursements- Water 232,640 376,433 397,637 397,637 311,619 55,046 Reimbursements- Wastewater 53,200 55,046 55,208 56,570 Reimbursements-Street 273,783 234,677 234,677 222,334

4,403,562

4,902,885

4,902,885

5,242,522

3,279,407

\$

Total

## City of Huntsville

# Summary of Revenue Projection Methods

	Revenue Category	%	Historical/Time Series Trend	Informed/Expert Judgment	Activity Estimates	Contract Terms
	Property Taxes	9.0%	~	~		
	Sales Taxes	12.0%	~	~	<b>&gt;</b>	
	Mixed Drink Taxes	0.1%	~	~	<b>&gt;</b>	
900	Municipal Court Fines	2.0%	~	~	<b>&gt;</b>	
PERMITS	Permits, Licenses, Development Fees	0.5%	•	<b>~</b>	>	
1	Water Service Charges	22.0%	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>&gt;</b>	<b>~</b>
10	Wastewater Service Charges	17.0%	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>&gt;</b>	
	Solid Waste Service Charges	8.0%	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>&gt;</b>	<b>~</b>
PAID	Fees, Charges, Sales	0.5%	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>&gt;</b>	
	Utility Franchise Fees	3.0%	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>&gt;</b>	<b>~</b>
	Right-of-Way Maintenance	1.5%			<b>&gt;</b>	
an an	Grants, Reimbursements, Contributions	2.0%	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>&gt;</b>	
B	Interest Earnings	2.0%	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>&gt;</b>	
	Hotel/Motel Taxes	1.0%	<b>✓</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>~</b>	
	Intergovernmental Payments	1.0%				<b>~</b>
B	Health Insurance Payments	5.5%	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	
	Administrative Reimbursements	12.0%			>	

# Our Goals and Effectiveness

The City of Huntsville's leadership is intensely committed to our community and exercises great diligence in planning for the future of Huntsville. Through their strategic planning process, the City Council's vision for the long-term future of Huntsville is determined and the goals that will lead to the fulfillment of that vision are established. The City of Huntsville's process of planning and goal setting begins with the citizens. The City periodically conducts a citizen's survey to allow the Council to focus on our citizen's priorities and interests. Equipped with the results of the citizen survey, the City Council and senior staff engage in strategic planning sessions in order to plan for the future of Huntsville. The plans and goals that result from these sessions guide the entire organization not only in decisions pertaining to special projects and programs, but also in daily operations. Each department of the City seeks to fulfill the City Council's strategic plan and long-term vision for the future of our community through every service they perform. Each City department has outlined their major function and purpose and has aligned themselves with the Council goals over which they have especially significant and vital influence. In order to succeed in the fulfillment of these goals, department staff has identified intermediate operational objectives for the coming year. Department staff has also identified key measures to determine the effectiveness of their services in achieving their purposes, goals, and objectives. When coupled with prior year accomplishments, these objectives and measures help us mark our progress toward the achievement of the City Council's vision for the future of our City.

Our community is currently in the process of developing the Huntsville Horizon Plan, a comprehensive plan for the City of Huntsville. The comprehensive planning process allows citizens a forum to express their vision for the future of Huntsville. This plan will provide vital data and direction to City Council and staff for managing growth and help to bind together various previously conducted studies that will be incorporated as part of the Huntsville Horizons Comprehensive Plan. Once complete, the plan will play a significant role in the development of goals and will guide the Council's yearly strategic planning process.



In order to maintain and enhance the quality of life and the achievement of our vision, the City of Huntsville provides, facilitates and regulates services, facilities and infrastructure for citizens, customers, visitors, businesses and state agencies, in a friendly, efficient, fair, honest and competent manner with quality and forethought.



The City of Huntsville is a community that is beautiful, historic, culturally diverse, affordable, safe, and well planned with great opportunity for our citizens.



Public service is our business and our goal. We believe in commitment - not just to our job, but to our faith, our beliefs, and our family. Our pride in our work and the organization compels us to a high degree of professionalism.

Honesty in all our actions.

**U**nited in our commitment to ensure a safe work environment, fair wages and benefits, and opportunities for advancement.

Nurture an environment of cooperation between the city and its citizens.

Teamwork, depending on one another to improve the quality of life.

Service excellence provided at every level in an efficient and economical manner.

Vision of an enriched future, enhanced by encouraging skills, talents, and potential of our employees through training, opportunity, and recognition.

Integrity demonstrated in the treatment of our coworkers and those we serve and protect.

Leadership through communication in a responsive manner, while maintaining a high degree of professionalism.

Loyalty to our faith, our beliefs, and our families.

Embrace the diversity of our employees as the strength of our organization.

## City of Huntsville

# City Council Goal Statements



The City of Huntsville is a safe, healthy and historic community with high quality, affordable housing.



The City of Huntsville is an economically thriving community.



The City of Huntsville is an attractive city with great parks and full of educational and cultural opportunities.



The City of Huntsville is a well-managed and well-planned community with "best in class" public services.

# Establishing Our Long-term Goals and Short-term Objectives

Long Term Goals			FY 06-07 Objectives
			Complete and begin implementation of Comprehensive Plan.
	Charter Offices	The same	Administer effective and impartial justice for citizens in matters related to Class "C" offenses.
			Continue and intensify employee random drug testing program.
	Administrative Services		Hold collision review board hearing on all automobile accidents involving City fleet.
		•	Assist in researching and installing emergency exits and alarms in necessary City facilities.
			Develop Municipal Court Juvenile Case Management Program.
	Finance Department	The same	Conduct an amnesty and warrant round-up program.
	Department		Develop in-house collection procedures for Municipal Court outstanding fines and fees.
			Identify and complete 6th neighborhood task force area cleanup.
			Continue to respond to all permit inspections request within 24 hours.
			Continue to respond to all code enforcement complaints within 24 hours.
	Public Works Department	The same of the sa	Reduce the number of health violations found in each food service establishment.
			Reduce the number of health reinspections required due to poor initial inspection results.
The City of Huntsville is a safe, healthy and historic community with high quality, affordable housing.			Increase public education of safe food handling practices.
			Continue to respond to all health related complaints within 24 hours.
3			Staff newly approved additional Police Lieutenant position.
			Begin conversion of Police and Fire radio systems to 800 MHz.
			Renegotiate School Resource Officer contract with Huntsville Independent School District.
			Implement Code Red emergency notification system.
			Train and certify an arson investigator.
			Assign personnel to Narcotics Detective position.
	Public Safety		Conduct an independent audit of Police Department traffic contact data.
	Department		Complete Police Department Quality Assessment.
			Begin installation of security boxes at construction sites, schools, and other commercial locations.
			Staff additional fire fighter positions upon receipt of possible grant funding.
			Complete construction on Fire Station #1 to provide increased fire protection to the west side of Huntsville.
			Begin operation of a modular building for Fire Station #2 to house four fire department and emergency medical services employees.
			Begin feasibility study for north side fire station.

# Establishing Our Long-term Goals and Short-term Objectives

Long Term Goals

### FY 06-07 Objectives

**Charter Offices** 

The City of Huntsville is an economically thriving

community.

The City of Huntsville is an attractive city with great parks

and full of educational and

cultural opportunities.



Complete and begin implementation of Comprehensive Plan.

Intensify focus on economic development efforts.

Establish and implement a sustainable downtown business marketing association

Begin the publication of a Main Street Downtown District newsletter.

Increase participation in the Main Street Downtown District's Signage Grant Program.

**Charter Offices** 

**Community Services** 

Department



Complete and begin implementation of Comprehensive Plan.

Administrative Services

Community Services

Department



Assist in roof repair at Martin Luther King Recreation Center.

Evaluate and improve current recreation programming.

Explore and create partnership opportunities for recreation programming provision.

Increase participation in Texas Amateur Athletic Foundation to provide local sports organizations the opportunity to participate in state tournaments.

Construct Eastham-Thomason Park's gazebo, dog park, and nature

Replace the backstop at Thomas Henry Ball Field.

Complete irrigation system for Field 10 at Kate Barr Ross Park.

Reach increased park mowing schedule goals.

Raise wing fence to 8' at Field 5 at Kate Barr Ross Park.

Open the aquatic center complex.

Provide recreational swim time at aquatic center.

Provide swim instruction at aquatic center.

Continue library catalog development.

Continue library collection evaluation and development.

Reach target of 2,100 volunteer hours of actual tutor/learner interface in library Literacy program.

Redesign library space to better accommodate customer's needs and improve ambiance.

Coordinate with volunteers for operation of Wynne Home Arts Center.

Continue marketing plan to attract visitors to the Wynne Home Arts Center

Public Works Department



Construct remaining parking lots at Eastham-Thomason Park.

# Establishing Our Long-term Goals and Short-term Objectives

Long Term Goals			FY 06-07 Objectives
			Complete and begin implementation of Comprehensive Plan.
			Build and train new management team.
	Charter Offices		Begin implementation of performance based budgeting.
	Charter Offices	The same of the sa	Develop a contracts database for contracts and agreements.
			Begin recodification of Code of Ordinances.
			Assist in Revision of Development Code.
			Continue to adjust employee/retiree benefit plan as required by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 45.
			Draft and begin implementation of management succession plan.
			Continue efforts to improve strategies for recruiting and retaining a qualified workforce.
			Continue to monitor and manage employee health care costs.
			Reduce lost time workers compensation claims.
			Update the City Fleet Equipment Replacement Schedule.
	Administrative Services	C. C	Continue to increase the number of annual contracts in procurement and warehousing.
	OCI VICES		Establish discount contracts with local vendors to provide better pricing on low-dollar purchases.
The City of Huntsville is a well-			Implement a Vendor Management program to streamline bid notification process.
managed and well-planned community with "best in class" public services.			Plan, prepare, and establish a preventative maintenance program for City fleet and generators.
·			Reorganize the City warehouse's physical structure, inventory, and procedures to streamline operations.
			Install a fiber network in the Municipal Court and Service Center to replace a leased network.
			Improve City website navigation and functionality.
			Revise the City's Fiscal and Debt policies.
			Analyze grant reporting process and implement reporting module.
			Perform audit of cash receipting work flow and implement central revenue receipting and reporting.
			Obtain Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for 20th consecutive year.
	Finance Department	-	Obtain Government Finance Officers Association Excellence in Financial Reporting Certificate for 29th consecutive year.
	•		Improve speed and accuracy of utility payment processing by implementing new check scanning and automatic deposit system.
			Implement report writer to design and create reports from billing software, expanding our ability to gather and organize data.
			Increase contributions to Project HELP by allowing utility customers to request the donation be automatically billed.
			Explore alternative delivery methods of billing to institutional utility

customers.

# Establishing Our Long-term Goals and Short-term Objectives

Long Term Goals			FY 06-07 Objectives
			Research the effectiveness of filtering iron and manganese at Spring Creek Water Plant to reduce discolored water.
			Upgrade Palm Street Water Plant to improve water distribution.
			Continue aggressive water line cleaning program (pigging).
			Continue to pursue the City Council's directive concerning water supply, treatment capacity, and quality.
			Implement a plan to identify and repair areas that are a source of inflow and infiltration (I&I) in the wastewater system.
			Intensify camera crew work to discover problems within a wastewater service area and repair them.
			Purchase two portable flow meters to aid in locating and repairing I&I problems.
			Install generators for back-up power supply at lift stations.
			Rehabilitate sewer lines on Sycamore and 16th Street.
	Public Utilities Department	The same of the sa	Establish a more aggressive monthly cleaning program in problem wastewater service areas.
	Department		Increase the percentage of preventative work orders performed at lift stations and wastewater plants.
The City of Huntsville is a well-managed and well-planned community with "best in class"			Create a registration program for construction and demolition debris collection.
			Continue solid waste minimization through composting, recycling, and other methods of waste reduction.
			Develop and implement a new heavy trash collection service to collect items such as appliances, furniture, and felled trees.
public services.			Develop an additional recycling drop off site located at the new fire station.
			Continue program to identify potential new industrial wastewater users.
			Reevaluate local limits (wastewater discharge pollutant limitations for industrial wastewater users).
			Revise EPA approved Industrial Pretreatment Program.
			Complete renewal for Robinson Creek Plant's permits.
			Continue to improve capital improvement project implementation, reporting, and completion.
			Create a paperless central inspection office.
			Reconstruct, install hot mix asphalt concrete overlays, or seal coat over 15 center line miles of streets.
	Public Works Department		Begin development of new pavement maintenance schedule.
			Reconstruct headwall at 13th and 14th Street crossings of Town Creek.
			Reconstruct drainage structures on Bearkat Boulevard.
			Repair 48 diameter culvert on Bearkat Boulevard.
			Expand herbicide spraying program.
			Expand street sweeping service to more non-curb and gutter areas.



# of preventative maintenance work orders completed

average # of labor hours utilized per work order

% of dollar variance in warehouse inventory

Charter Offices		purifying.	Office of City Manager  Office of City Secretary  Office of City Attorney	% of citizens satisfied with Oity's communication with citizens % of citizens satisfied with City's efforts to plan for the future % of citizens satisfied with City's efforts to encourage economic growth % of citizens satisfied with City's efforts to maintain a reasonable tax rate % of citizens satisfied with City's efforts to maintain a reasonable tax rate % of citizens satisfied with city employee's responsiveness % of citizens satisfied with the efficiency & economy of service % of citizens satisfied with City's communication with citizens % of citizens satisfied with City's efforts to provide an adequate forum for public input % of open records request processed within required time period % of City Council meeting minutes prepared on-time and error free % of open records request processed within required time period % of contracts and other documents processed within 30 days
			Attorney Office of City Judge	% of opinion request processed within 30 days % of total cases appealed
			Human Resources	% of eligible employees enrolled in benefit program  % of new hires that successfully complete probation  % of citizens satisfied with City's efforts to maintain qualified workforce
Administrative Services Department	<b>**</b>		Risk and Safety Management	% of new assets reported to insurance carrier within 5 days of receipt in Risk Management office  % of employees attending one or more safety training classes  % of total employees filing worker's compensation claims
	***		Purchasing	% increase in the number of annual contracts  % of vendors placed in vendor management program  % of purchase orders processed within 5 business days

Fleet and Warehouse

Administration



Administrative Services Department





Building Maintenance



% of non-emergency service calls responded to within 3 days

% of emergency service calls responded to within 24 hours



Information Technology



Average time to resolve help desk request based on priority

% of up-time for critical city functions (email, voicemail, financials, police applications, etc.)

% of monthly financial reports released on-schedule GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award received Finance GFOA's Excellence in Financial Reporting Certificate received Unqualified audit opinion received City of Huntsville's Bond Rating # of warrants served **Finance** Department % of juvenile/minor cases requiring monitoring for community service **Municipal Court** and/or court ordered youth programs % of cases disposed/completed % of monthly bills posted to customer accounts on-time # of billing adjustments to correct meter reading and/or billing errors **Utility Billing** % of utility accounts with balances more than 30 days past due Uncollectible account charge-offs as a % of total dollars billed

Public Utilities Department			Water Services		Service complaints as a % of total customer accounts
					% of water taps completed within 14 days
					Ratio of repair work orders to preventative maintenance work orders at Water Plant
					% of Water Production Accountability
	$\approx$				% of citizens rating Water Services as good or excellent
			Wastewater Services		Service complaints as a % of total customer accounts
					# of sanitary sewer overflows
					Ratio of repair work orders to preventative maintenance work orders
					% of citizens rating Wastewater Services as good or excellent



Service complaints as a % of total customer accounts

		Solid Waste Services			
				Ratio of tons of waste transferred to tons of waste recycled	
				% of citizens rating Solid Waste Services as good or excellent	
Public Utilities Department	Public Utilities Department		Environmental Services		% of Bacteriological Proficiency Tests performed with acceptable scores of 90% or better with no false negatives
					% of Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Proficiency Tests for Wastewater Analysis performed with acceptable scores of 90% or better
					Number of "Required Action" Result received from EPA and TCEQ laboratory and pretreatment program audits and inspections
					% of plats reviewed within 10 days of submittal
		100	Planning &		% of citizens satisfied with City's efforts to plan for the future
			Engineering		% of capital improvement projects completed within budget
					% of capital improvement projects completed on-schedule
		7	Central Inspection		% of inspections performed within 24 hours of request
					% of complaints investigated within 24 hours of receipt
					% of citizens rating Building Inspections Services as good or excellent
					% of citizens rating Code Enforcement Services as good or excellent
Public Works Department	$\Xi$		Health Inspection		% of complaints investigated within 24 hours of request
-					% of total food establishments receiving a minimum of two inspections
					# of reinspections required as a % of total food establishments
				% of citizens rating Health Inspection Services as good or excellent	
		\$	Street Services/ Drainage		% of annual line mile scheduled maintenance completed
					% of increase (decrease) in tons of hot mix used for street failure patches
					% of emergency calls responded to within 4 hours
					% of citizens rating Street Maintenance Services as good or excellent
					% of citizens rating Drainage Maintenance Services as good or excellent



					% of parks maintenance completed on-schedule
				% of parks maintenance completed on-scriedule	
	Mhuth)	Parks Maintenance	The same	% of time spent on special projects (non-maintenance related)	
					% of citizens rating parks maintenance services as good or excellent
			Recreation		% change in community recreation program participation
					Average cost per participant in community recreation programs
					% of citizens rating recreation services as good or excellent
		ور کی	Aquatic Center	The same of the sa	Average cost per participant per day in aquatic center activities
					% of citizens rating aquatic services as good or excellent
					Rate of collection turnover
					% of collection less than 5 years old
Community				Circulation per capita	
Services Department	Services Department		Library		% increase (decrease) in literacy program attendance
Department					% increase (decrease) in children's program attendance
					% of citizens rating library services as good or excellent
		/	Cultural Services		% increase (decrease) in visitors to Wynne Home
					% increase (decrease) in attendance at arts/cultural events
					% increase (decrease) in number of events/activities held
					% increase (decrease) in number of community activities/rentals
				% of citizens rating cultural services as good or excellent	
				% of occupancy in the downtown district	
		Ron	Main Street		% of total downtown businesses participating in the business marketing association
		Oho			% of increase (decrease) in participants in Main Street events/programs
					% of citizens rating Main Street services as good or excellent

		Police Services		Average # officer initiated calls as a % of total calls	
				% of cases rejected by the District Attorney	
	_		T Office Del Vices		% of citizens rating Police Services as good or excellent
Public Safety Department				% of citizens rating Animal Control Services as good or excellent	
		A			# of buildings inspected as a % of total buildings
		Fire Services		Average # of training hours received per firefighter	
					% of citizens rating Fire Services as good or excellent

